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Major defends monarchy as pressure grows for Prince and Princess of Wales to divorce

## Welcome in the Kremlin for the Queen

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were given a glittering welcome yesterday at the start of the first visit by a British monarch to Russia. A reception at the Kremlin was followed last night by a visit to the Bolshoi ballet. The Prime Minister said yesterday that "the monarchy is an enduring part of our way of life." But he came under pressure from

Conservative colleagues to try to end the controversy over the Prince and Princess of Wales's marriage by urging that they should divorce. An excerpt, published in France from what is claimed to be a new book by Andrew Morton, the Princess's biographer, says divorce will come next year and that the Princess will receive a £15 million settlement.

## Electric atmosphere

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN MOSCOW

THE Queen began her historic state visit to Russia yesterday with a warm, formal and dignified welcome from President Yeltsin in surroundings of dizzy splendour that trumped the nation's imperial and Christian history.

The Russian leader greeted the first reigning British monarch to tread Russian soil in the magnificence of St George's Hall in the Kremlin, a chamber far grander than anything Buckingham Palace can offer. The Queen looked decidedly pleased to be there, and the President looked suitably pleased with himself at having "managed" finally to play such a diplomatic ace.

Muscovites judged yesterday to be the first day of winter after the sudden end of a balmy late summer. Biting wind chilled the bones at Vnukovo airport, outside Moscow, as the welcoming party of deputy ministers waited to lead their visitor to a formal welcome in the city.

A few minutes before 4.30 on a diamond-bright afternoon the BAe 146 of the

Queen's flight, an aircraft of small and modest demeanour, appeared out of the cloudless sky, escorted by the evil shape of four Sukhoi 27 supersonic jet fighters, machines with a profile belonging to Star Wars.

As the royal aircraft landed and taxied to the terminal, the escorts performed a breathtaking aerobically display of starbursts and loop-the-loops directly above, firing Roman candle firework effects from their exhausts. The Queen, still on board, was unable to see most of it.

She stepped on to Russian soil in a politically incorrect but none the less splendid milk coat and dark blue velvet hat trimmed in gold, followed by the Duke of Edinburgh, Douglas Hurd and his wife, Judy.

According to the original programme the Queen should have been met by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, but he decided not to interrupt his holiday at the Black Sea resort of Sochi. Instead the government

sent its top man on airport arrivals, Oleg Soskovets, the First Deputy Prime Minister. It was Mr Soskovets who was dispatched down the steps of the Russian presidential aircraft when it made its recent brief stop-over at Shannon to explain to Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, that Mr Yeltsin was feeling unwell and could not disembark.

The Royal Household took Mr Chernomyrdin's absence in its usual languid diplomatic stride. There was no snub, they said. Indeed there was no tradition of prime ministers meeting the Queen at airports when a formal welcome awaited in town. The Queen graciously accepted a red and yellow bouquet, and shook hands with Igor Ivanov, the Deputy Foreign Minister, Anatoli Adamishin, Russian Ambassador to London, and Georgi Filatov, Mr Yeltsin's chief of staff.

In the middle of the tarmac, the Queen stood on a small red-and-white Bokhara carpet while a military band played the British national an-

them and then the new Russian, which is neither the old Soviet one, nor the even older tsarist one whose melody permeates *The 1812 Overture*.

She inspected an immaculate guard of honour from Russia's three armed services, which then goose-stepped back and forth across the tarmac as the Queen met further dignitaries. The once-mighty Russian military machine may be in a state of some decay, but it can still square-bash with the best.

Within little more than ten minutes the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh had left

the airport and climbed into their glass-bubbled Rolls-Royce Phantom, an elegant centrepiece to a 22-car motorcade of long, black Zil limousines so reminiscent of the Communist era.

Their journey to the city centre took them through golden autumn birchwoods, which gave way to the ugly suburban concrete tower blocks that echo the less attractive parts of Glasgow. By the time the motorcade arrived, the vast titanium statue to Yuri Gagarin and the last remaining monumental statue to Lenin in what used to

be October Square, the flags were out. Not large flags, but at least a pair of Russian and British banners on every lamppost. There were no crowds; they will have their opportunity later.

The motorcade swept through the gates of the Kremlin, and the Queen ascended a grand staircase lined by soldiers of the Presidential Guard, a Praetorian regiment formed by Mr Yeltsin only this year, resplendent in their brand new royal blue uniforms and a cap badge depicting a crown and the imperial Russian double eagle. As the

Queen and Prince Philip entered St George's Hall by the vast gold doors at one end, Mr Yeltsin and his wife, Naina, entered through identical doors 300 feet away at the other. In a balletic performance worthy of the Bolshoi in its heyday, they walked towards each other down a motorway of red carpet and met exactly in the middle, beneath six huge gilded chandeliers that lit the great white hall and its wall decorations depicting St George slaying the dragon.

The atmosphere was electric. What body contact would

the two parties make? In the event they exchanged warm handshakes, but no hugs. Mr Yeltsin gave a stiff, and very proper, inclination of the head that was midway between a nod and a full bow. Mrs Yeltsin shook hands and gave a small nod. In an upper gallery a symphony orchestra, hidden from view, delivered a drum roll, a fanfare and the two national anthems.

Mr Yeltsin gave the Queen a substantial bouquet of orange and yellow roses. She looked delighted; Mr Yeltsin beamed broadly. As the party, with its

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The Queen and President Yeltsin at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow last night on the first evening of a visit by a British monarch to Russia

## Morton extract tells of £15m settlement

BY EMMA WILKINS AND CHARLES BREMNER

THE Prince and Princess of Wales will divorce next year and the Queen will decide custody of their sons, according to extracts published in France yesterday that allegedly come from a new book by Andrew Morton.

The Princess will receive a £15 million settlement, a home in London worth £5 million and a home in Wales or France, sections published in the magazine *Voici* say. The magazine apparently has obtained proofs of a French edition of *Diana: Her New Life* by Mr Morton, who wrote the first "inside" account of the royal marriage.

The book's publisher, Michael O'Mara, said last night that the *Voici* extracts indicat-

ed that proofs of the book, which is due to be serialised in *The Sunday Times* in three weeks' time and published in London on November 8, appeared to have been stolen.

Mr Morton, who has seen an English translation of the *Voici* account, confirmed that the extracts, although ineptly compiled, were from his book. "It is a pretty poor job. There are some elements from the book. I am convinced they have stolen the book," he said.

The magazine article threatened to take Prince William and Prince Harry to live in Australia at one point in her troubled marriage. "I am the Prisoner of Wales, not the Princess of Wales," she is quoted as saying.

Kensington Palace sources dismissed the claims made in the *Voici* extracts as nonsense and denied that the couple would be divorced next year.

Mr Morton and Mr O'Mara first became aware that proofs of the book might have been stolen after receiving a call from *The Sun* on Sunday. The newspaper had been approached by a man who claimed to have proofs of

## Monarchy 'fundamental part of our existence'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major yesterday issued a passionate defence of the royal family as he came under growing pressure from about his marriage from the start, insisted that the monarchy was strong and would not be harmed.

Mr Major said: "The monarchy is an enduring part of our way of life. It has been there as long as anyone can remember. It is a fundamental part of our existence in this country. Nothing is going to shake that."

However, well-placed backbenchers made plain their view that Mr Major should advise the Queen that Westminster feels the couple should divorce to protect the monarchy.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, vice-chairman of the Conservative constitutional committee, said of the marriage: "In terms of the public interest it would be a good thing if they now drew a line under it. But one must take account of family considerations, particularly the children. One senior member of the 1922 executive, which has direct access to Mr Major, said that the situation was a mess that could be cleared up

only by divorce. Other executive members said that only a "clean break" could prevent the rows that were turning the royal family into a "laughing stock". Another said: "We have to face this now. Unless they divorce, Diana can become Queen. It is ludicrous."

MPs were dismayed that the Prince had decided to reveal intimate details of his private life in Jonathan Dimbleby's biography, *The Prince of Wales*. One said: "He has been bloody stupid. To harm his wife, mother and father in one publication takes some doing."

James Hill, Tory MP for Southampton Test, said: "I think it is extremely dangerous for the heir to the throne to reveal all to the media. All royalists in the Commons must be very concerned."

In the Commons, a Labour MP sparked angry protests when he attacked the "discredited and dying monarchy". Paul Flynn, member for Newport West, broke convention during the question-time exchanges by criticising the royal family.

Margot Norman, page 16

## Tunnel rail fare set at £95

Passengers on the Eurostar train service through the Channel Tunnel to Paris or Brussels will pay £95 return, £12 more than if they were to fly.

The lowest standard return fare from Waterloo station, London, to Paris will be £95, while travellers from Heathrow can fly for £83.

The Eurostar service will initially offer only two return trips a day, and only from on Monday to Friday to the French capital. Pages 4, 25

## Pupil 'murdered stranger for dare'

A former Gordonstoun pupil was persuaded by a fellow student to murder a stranger for the "ultimate dare", the Old Bailey was told. Jamie Petrolini, 19, and Richard Elsey, 19, deny murdering Mohammed el-Sayed, 44. Page 3

## Part-time clergy

The Diocese of Salisbury aims to tackle its shortage of clergy by asking each parish without a vicar to nominate a lay person for ordination. The scheme could lead to 300 non-stipendiary part-time vicars. Page 6

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## Canny football move wins Korean jobs for Teesside

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A DEAL that should bring up to 6,000 jobs to the unemployment blackspot of Teesside was clinched over a football match at the home ground of Newcastle United, the current Premiership leaders.

Sir John Hall, the former head of Cameron Hall Developments, was a prime mover in the consortium that

secured a £450 million investment by Samsung, the leading South Korean industrial conglomerate. He treated the Korean executives to a match day at St James's Park, where he is club chairman, when Newcastle trounced the Belgian side Royal Antwerp 5-1 in the UEFA Cup.

Sir John said yesterday "I'd like to think that if Samsung had any doubts about choosing the North East, this

changed their minds. They are mad-keen on football in Korea. Samsung sponsors teams in Germany and they are just starting their own league."

The Samsung factory, which will receive £58 million of government grants, will cover 400 acres at Winway Hall, near Stockton. It will initially produce microwave ovens and computer monitors. The Samsung executives toured the

ground, met Kevin Keegan, the manager, and the players and used Sir John's box to watch the game.

Dr John Bridge, the chief executive of the Northern Development Company, said: "This major building block in our economic regeneration will boost the local economy and create thousands of extra jobs."

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# It all sounds jolly sensible, but what colour are his socks?



Cranborne: toeing line

THE only thing about Viscount Cranborne that was upbeat yesterday was his socks. These were a joyous shade of peachy yellow. The rest of his lordship was the last word in caution.

Poor Lord Cranborne. As he admitted to his peers when opening yesterday's Lords debate on developments in Northern Ireland ("there's no point in denying it") Cranborne is an old-fashioned unionist. You would expect it of a Cecil. He voted against the 1985 Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Now, propelled to the top as Government Leader in the Lords, his job was to persuade the Upper Chamber of the wisdom of John Major's new moves. And he did manage to

toe the line. "I salute the Prime Minister's courage," he said, rather as one might to someone about to go over the Niagara Falls in a barrel. But were it not for the promise of a referendum "I for one would have been most unhappy." To be safe, Cranborne added that John Major would have been most unhappy, too. It was good to hear that the PM approved of his own proposal.

In the circumstances, Cranborne was a solid speech, but it could have been made by the Unionists' Jim Molyneux. By the time he sat down his yellow socks seemed to have taken on a pale orange hue. Our disorientation grew. Sensing the need for a robustly pro-Cabinet speech, the



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POLITICAL SKETCH



Opposition Leader in the Lords, Labour's Lord Richard, made it. His socks were dark grey.

He praised the Prime Minister fulsomely and anticipated the possibility that we might accept the ceasefire as permanent without hearing the word "permanent" — but advised against expecting too much too soon. It all sounded jolly sensible, but where was Labour's old, pre-Blairite pro-Republican tinge?

The Liberal Democrats filled that gap. I wish I could

report that Lord Holme, of Cheltenham, speaking for the Party, wore green socks. Holme urged a complete review of emergency provisions in the province, to restore human rights where possible. He thought the pre-talks period of three months should be backdated, so that talks could begin before Christmas. We should be thinking about demilitarisation, he said. "The time has now come to change gear."

With Cranborne in Unionist socks, Lord Richard in

Majorite socks, and Holme in socks, the Michael Foot would have found comfortable, there was only one brand of hosiery missing: those of the breakaway Democratic Unionist Party's Dr Paisley. Who better to fill the breach than a previous Labour Secretary of State for Northern Ireland? Lord Mason of Barnsley reached for the sock-drawer and pulled out something appropriate in fluorescent orange.

From the Press Gallery one could not, admittedly, see Lord Mason's ankles, but his deep scepticism about the motives of what he called "the Provos" was plain. We should not "dent" the 1920 Act of Partition, he warned: it was

"bedrock." "Do not tamper with the 1920 Act." One or another of their Lordships seemed by now to have spoken for almost every cause. It remained to put the Almighty's point of view. This was done by the Belfast-born Bishop of Southwark, a sort of watered-down John Cole look-alike, houndstooth overcoat replaced by a white nightie. Concluding with an assurance of "goodwill and prayerful support," Southwark came perilously close to ending with a short prayer.

Foreign students would be assisted in understanding our constitution if speeches in the Upper Chamber were all to end in a collective murmur of "amen".

## Jailed driver loses appeal

The widow of a man killed by a motorist who had been drinking was in court yesterday to hear the driver lose his appeal against his three-year jail sentence. Allyson Burgess, of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, said afterwards she was pleased the sentence on Dean Ryan, 27, of Edmonton, north London, had been upheld but "it was a shame it was not increased".

The Court of Appeal held Ryan's prison term for causing the death of Martin Burgess, 34, by dangerous driving was "in no way excessive or wrong in principle".

## St Bari's plea

Tony Blair yesterday accused John Major of plotting the destruction of a great national institution as he threw his weight behind the campaign to save St Bartholomew's Hospital in central London. The Labour leader said that while the Prime Minister posed as the "great protector" of the NHS, he was doing much to undermine it.

## Drivers' SOS

A group of lorry drivers stranded for nearly six days aboard a Channel ferry sent out an SOS yesterday. The five Britons, two Dutchmen and a Pole spoke out after an attempt to drive their lorries off the ferrylink ship *Al Hussein*, which has been seized in a complex and bitter dispute over salvage.

## Pensioners' jail

A wing for pensioners serving life sentences is being planned by the prison service to cope with the increase in older men in jail. The unit within the grounds of Kingston Prison, Portsmouth, will hold 30 men over 60 and will include a wheelchair ramp, raised beds and special lifts. The cost is put at £175,000.

## Time waster

A second man has been jailed for wasting police time during the hunt for Abbie Hamphreys, the baby abducted from a Nottingham hospital. Peter Hadden, 32, from Rossendale, Lancashire, was sentenced to four months by Burnley magistrates yesterday, the day after Abbie was baptised in Nottingham.

## Rally deaths

A pregnant woman and her father who were killed at a classic car rally on a Ministry of Defence test track in Chobham, Surrey, have been named as Susan Brooks, 31, a research scientist, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Robert Wiggins, 61, a specialist car restorer from Ottershaw, Surrey.

## Drink queue

About three million people are waiting for help with drink problems, according to Alcohol Concern. It claims more than four in ten health authorities offer insufficient help. However, the Government dismissed the figures as "dubious" and accused the charity of scaremongering.

## Plea for pardon

Adrian and Bernadette Mooney, the British couple sentenced to 28 months in a Romanian jail for attempting to smuggle a baby out of the country, are to appeal for a presidential pardon.

## Safety 'weaknesses' at atomic weapons plants criticised

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SAFETY precautions at the Aldermaston atomic weapons establishment and at three other nuclear research centres were severely criticised yesterday after an eight-month official review.

Standards fell below those found at other "high hazard" industries, including nuclear and chemical facilities, the Government's Health and Safety Executive said in a damning report. A team of 18 experts in radiation, explosives and health and safety investigated the four nuclear research centres at Aldermaston and Burghfield in Berkshire, Cardiff, and Foulness in Essex.

In a comprehensive review of safety that cost £500,000, the experts discovered "significant weaknesses" in health and safety management.

Some of the materials at the facilities presented the risk of an accidental nuclear chain reaction leading to high radiation levels. The experts found that the arrangements for handling these materials were consistent with standards elsewhere.

However, the controls "in place" to prevent an incident "did not in all respects reflect current good practice".

Management of the four nuclear centres was transferred from the Ministry of Defence to a private contractor, Hunting BAE, in April of last year. The watchdog team found that senior managers were committed to a high standard of health and safety.

Yet the report published yesterday made 65 recommendations for improving standards, 19 of which were identified as priorities.

The report said that a number of older facilities did not meet current design stan-

dards. However, new plutonium-handling buildings have been constructed at Aldermaston to cater for the design work on warheads for the Trident ballistic missile system, and the report acknowledged that plant and equipment in the new facilities "were better".

In another critical part of the report, the safety team said: "While AWE (Atomic Weapons Establishment) had devoted attention and resources to planning for emergencies, it had not carried out sufficient training or rehearsals of its plans."

An emergency exercise at Aldermaston during the period of the review "showed some significant weaknesses".

Like the rest of the nuclear industry, there was no way of disposing of the most radioac-

tive waste. At Aldermaston it was kept in drums and other containers on site but there were only "limited plans" for treating the waste "so as to increase the safety of its long-term storage". At Aldermaston, which employs 4,500 people, the safety team recommended that plutonium-contaminated filters stored in one of the older production buildings should be examined as a possible fire hazard and its emergency procedures revised.

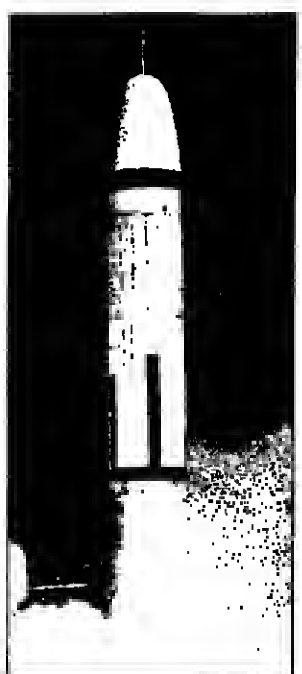
Greenpeace last night called for an immediate halt to the production of nuclear warheads at Aldermaston, claiming that the plant posed an unacceptable risk to workers and the general public. Janet Convery, a Greenpeace campaigner, said: "The HSE report reveals some horrifying lapses and lack of safety procedures at Aldermaston."

John Rimington, director-general of the Health and Safety Executive, said there had been too much "unnecessary mystery about these plants, understandably giving rise to fear and concern". He said he hoped that those living nearby would feel that a proper job had been done by the review team "and are able to take reassurance from our findings".

John Cook, chairman of Reading council's health and environment committee, said the report would heighten the public's anxieties.

Hunting BAE accepted the report's findings. Andrew Glasgow, chief executive at Aldermaston, said: "My top priority is to see our safety improvement programme completed as quickly as is practicable."

The company said the critical parts of the plant were safe. Further safety measures were being implemented.



Trident warheads designed at Aldermaston

The front cover of *Voici* which claims a world exclusive for its story of a royal divorce

## 'Stolen' Morton extracts tell of £15m settlement

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Mr Morton's book and was willing to sell them for £30,000. *The Sun*, which has secondary serialisation rights to the book, alerted Mr O'Mara and arranged to meet the man in Paris yesterday in what turned out to be a classic "sting".

"I took the call from *The Sun* and we organised an appointment to be set up at 10am in the Hotel Concorde Lafayette in Paris," Mr O'Mara said. Those present included Lesley O'Mara, the publisher's wife, who speaks French; a journalist from *The Sunday Times*; a lawyer and French police officers concealed in the lobby.

"My wife was carrying a copy of *The Sun* as arranged and the man was wearing a scarf," Mr O'Mara said. "The police waited until he produced the stolen proofs and arrested him."

The French police confirmed yesterday that Luis

Alvarez Gómez, a journalist with *Voici*, had been arrested and was being held for questioning.

Dominique Celluru, editor of *Voici*, confirmed that the magazine had obtained a copy of Mr Morton's work. Celluru said he had no idea that he had been arrested.

Legal steps were being taken last night to force the magazine to withdraw its copies from sale. "Writs are flying about in France. We are trying to get [it] withdrawn," Mr O'Mara said.

□ **Rift denied:** St James's Palace denied yesterday that the Prince's decision to unburden himself in Jonathan Dimbleby's biography had caused a rift with his parents. Despite the Duke of Edinburgh's apparent distaste at publication of intimate family details, an official said relations between the two households were amicable.

## Yeltsin welcomes Queen to Russia

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Two interpreters, moved to the side for the Russian couple to meet the Queen and Mr Yeltsin, were seen to engage in long and animated conversation.

As the ceremony drew to a close, the relief among the staff on both sides was palpable. The historic meeting, perfectly orchestrated, had been executed to perfection.

Afterwards, Mr Yeltsin said: "It was a quiet social talk with the Queen. I am very glad she has come." He dismissed rumours about his health, saying: "Who told you that? I shall punish them. I am feeling fine."

Later Mr and Mrs Yeltsin accompanied the Queen and Prince Philip to the Bolshoi

Theatre. They sat in what is still known as the Tsar's Box, and the audience that filled the grandly ornate auditorium rose to its feet and offered their guest prolonged applause, which extended into the third playing of the day of the British national anthem.

The ballet was *Giselle*, the sorry tale of a hapless young maiden discarded by a nobleman. The Queen may have wished she had left such tales behind in London.

She concluded her first day with a reception at the British Embassy for 200 eminent Russians, but one of the most celebrated living Russians, the writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn was absent. He was said to be too busy putting the roof on his new dacha.

## McDonald's warms up its welcome

By Robin Young  
THE McDonald's fast-food chain has abandoned its traditional style of greeting customers. The set form of words — "Thank you, please call again" — is to be replaced by what the company describes as "more warmth over the counter".

Carmel Flatley, McDonald's assistant vice-president of human resources, says that surveys among staff and customers last year revealed the deficiency of formulaic greetings which the company formerly dictated as "absolute instructions" for use by counter staff in its 550 branches. "They thought we were a bit

brash, a bit arrogant, a bit too clinical," Ms Flatley told *Personnel Management* magazine. Ms Flatley said research also showed that McDonald's staff disliked having to use the set words time after time. "It emerged that people felt uncomfortable, mainly because the words sounded forced after the umpteenth time," Ms Flatley said.

Staff are now given "freedom to use a personalised version of the old line, as long as it is sanctioned by the restaurant manager". Ms Flatley said McDonald's in Britain had never resorted to the use of the "have a nice day" formula popular in America.

One McDonald's manager in Liverpool said: "We have all attended courses at Hamburger University, the company's training centre at headquarters, and we know the company takes staff training very seriously indeed."

"The new approach does not mean staff can indulge in excessive familiarity, or use colloquialisms that might be thought offensive. What it does mean is that staff can suit their remark to the customer."

"If somebody comes in regularly, for instance, it would be more sensible to say, 'See you tomorrow' instead of 'Please call again'."

## Suicide verdict on Savile

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

LADY Alethea Savile committed suicide after her family stopped her allowance in an effort to stop her drug-taking, an inquest was told yesterday.

The body of Lady Alethea, 31, who was once engaged to James Giltbey, a friend of the Princess of Wales, was found last month at her flat in Chelsea.

In May, her allowance had been stopped by Lord and Lady Mexborough, her father

and stepmother, to encourage her to get a job and take charge of her life.

Her body was discovered by her brother, Viscount Poining, who told Westminster Coroner's Court that he had had a premonition of her death earlier in the evening.

After discovering the body, he and a friend drove to Barnes, southwest London, where he "got involved in a scuffle". The coroner, Dr Paul Knapman, asked: "With people who might have been

connected with drugs?" He replied: "That was my belief."

Lady Alethea had taken a lethal cocktail of heroin, cocaine and a mood-stabilising drug. She had been receiving treatment for depression for some time and had taken an overdose in March.

Recording a verdict of suicide, Dr Knapman said Lady Alethea had been "quite clearly suffering from depression and this was made rather more complicated by her taking drugs".

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## A-level pupil 'killed complete stranger for ultimate dare'

By RICHARD DUCE

A FORMER Gordonstoun schoolboy was persuaded by a fellow A-level student to murder a complete stranger for the "ultimate dare", the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Jamie Petrolini, a former pupil at the Prince of Wales's old boarding school who dreamed of an Army career with the SAS regiment, was drawn into the fantasy world of Richard Elsey, a fellow student.

Mr Elsey, a former pupil at Dr Challoner's Grammar School, convinced Mr Petrolini he was a second lieutenant in the Parachute Regiment with SAS connections. The murder would be "some sort of initiation test", David Calvert-Smith, for the prosecution, said.

The students, then both 18 and studying to re-take their science A-levels, left their crammer school in Oxford for London to search out and kill an innocent victim, he said.

After getting off the coach at Victoria they went to the King's Cross area. Mr Petrolini said later that the idea was to find a pimp or a drug dealer to kill; the court was told.

A dancer at a King's Cross pub remembers speaking to two young men, one of whom asked: "Where are the best pimps around here?" Two barmen also remember Mr Petrolini going into their pub. He was in the toilet so long they thought he must have been taking drugs. In fact he was changing his clothes, Mr Cal-

vert-Smith said. The court was told that the pair abandoned their ideas for King's Cross and travelled to Bayswater, west London. They allegedly wandered around looking for a suitable candidate to kill.

The chosen victim was Egyptian-born Mohammed el-Sayed, 44, who had spent a few hours with a friend at a casino. They saw Mr el-Sayed, a chef from Hornsey, north London, and married with two young children, waiting at a give-way sign on his way home.

He was ambushed by the students at the sign, Mr Calvert-Smith said. Mr Petrolini later told police that he jumped into the front seat and unlocked the rear door so that Mr Elsey could get in the back.

Mr Calvert-Smith said that Mr Petrolini held a knife to Mr el-Sayed's throat and told him to keep calm. On Mr Petrolini's instructions Mr el-Sayed drove a short distance, pulled up and was killed. His throat was slashed just below his Adam's apple, Mr Calvert-Smith said.

The initial thrust was followed by many stab wounds to the chest, which were to prove the fatal blows. The victim struggled for life and doctors found wounds on a hand where he had tried to prevent himself being stabbed. According to Mr Petrolini, Mr Elsey reached over from the back seat to stop the Arab from screaming while he was

stabbed with the £30 commando knife bought from a mail order firm in Norfolk, the court was told.

After the murder Mr Petrolini took the victim's car keys and spectacles. They then caught a coach back to Oxford from Victoria Station leaving Mr el-Sayed inside his car where he was found by a passer-by on January 15. Mr Calvert-Smith said it was uncertain if Mr el-Sayed had been murdered late the night before or in the small hours of that morning.

Police were baffled by the apparently motiveless murder but the students were trapped after Mr Petrolini began telling fellow students what he had done the evening before his nineteenth birthday.

Mr Calvert-Smith said the pair had returned to Oxford and initially carried on as normal although Mr Petrolini's standard of work began to slip. "However, whether he had a conscience or was boasting or a bit of both Mr Petrolini couldn't keep what he'd done to himself. He told one acquaintance that he'd been to London on business for the SAS and while he was there had killed a businessman."

He later produced his victim's glasses at a restaurant in Oxford while eating with a girl student and spat some fake blood onto the table. The girl was bemused and Mr Elsey, who was also there, showed no emotion. At the beginning of Febru-



Elsey: allegedly persuaded fellow student to kill stranger after convincing him he was an officer in the Parachute Regiment

ary Mr Petrolini then confessed to a fellow student that he had killed someone and, after a similar confession to another colleague, the principal was informed and the police contacted. Police found the commando knife in Elsey's room. It still had traces of blood which, the prosecution alleged, matched those of the dead man after DNA tests.

After his arrest Mr Petrolini was allowed to see his parents and

allegedly saluted and then told them: "I did it for Queen and country."

Mr Petrolini, 19, of Grantown-on-Spey, Highlands, and Mr Elsey, 19, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, both deny murder on or around January 14 or 15 this year. The defence will argue that Mr Petrolini was of diminished responsibility at the time and should be convicted of manslaughter on those grounds. The trial continues.

## Norwegian girl aged 5 killed by playmates

FROM REUTER IN OSLO

A NORWEGIAN girl aged five was killed by boys her own age, police said yesterday in a case with horrifying echoes of the James Bulger murder.

Silje Marie Redegaard died in a suburb of Trondheim, mid-Norway, while romping in the first snow of the winter at the weekend, the victim of an onslaught by playmates.

Police declined to give any details of the attack but the *Verdens Gang* newspaper said she was trampled to death in an icy puddle and hit with a stone.

Chief Inspector Harald Moholt told Reuters: "The girl was maltreated by friends her own age and died as a result of this. We have had three boys in for talks but they have given different explanations."

Mr Moholt added that it was still unclear how many took an active part in the attack on Saturday but most of the police investigation was over. "We believe it's reasonably clear what happened," he said.

The killing immediately drew comparisons with the murder last year of James Bulger, who was beaten and killed by two ten-year-old boys in Liverpool.

*Verdens Gang* said one of the boys had told police they had asked the girl to undress, which she did. Then the three boys took turns jumping on her while she was lying in the puddle. One of the boys also

fetched a stone which was used to hit her on the head and body, the daily national newspaper reported.

The incident took place not far from a residential area where many families with young children live.

"We did not kill her, Mummy. We are too young for that," one of the boys, aged six, had told his parents and police, according to *Verdens Gang*. The newspaper said it had spoken to the boy's mother, who said police had questioned him for seven hours.

On Sunday night, Silje Marie's father placed a candle, a letter, a red rose and a picture of her in the snow where her body was found. "Thanks for everything. Rest in peace. The memories of you will always be with us," the letter read.

The piece of paper, which had been placed in a plastic folder to protect it from the falling snow, carried the names of the girl's mother, father, brother and sister.

The boys who caused her death cannot stand trial because they are all below the minimum age of 15 years. But they may be given treatment at home or placed in an institution for a limited period of time.

Jon Venables and Robert Thompson were sentenced to a minimum of 15 years in custody for killing James Bulger. His death shocked the nation and fuelled debate about youth crime.

## Girls say pleas for help went unheeded

By KATE ALDERSON

PASSENGERS on a train ignored the cries for help of three teenage girls as a group of six boys independently assaulted two of them and threatened them with a meat cleaver, a court was told yesterday.

A 16-year-old girl told South Section Youth Court in Bootle, Merseyside, that she appealed for help from six men after her 14-year-old friend was pinned to the floor and assaulted.

She said: "I ran down the carriage. I tried to ask someone to help but no one did anything. There was a group of about six men and they just looked at me."

The three girls — two were aged 14 and one 15 at the time of the alleged attack on May 1 — claim that two of them were indecently assaulted on a Southport to Liverpool train. Six youths from the Toxteth and Dingle areas of Liverpool, aged from 14 to 16, deny attacking them.

The 16-year-old girl said the boys had become "intimidating" after trying to strike up a conversation with them. Then she saw one of her friends being dragged to the floor. "They had her pinned down by the arms and had their hands down her top," she said.

"She was very distressed and saying 'Get off, help'." She told the court that her other friend was attacked by some other boys who were trying to undo her trousers.

While she went to try to get help, her friends had managed to get free of the boys and joined her in another carriage. But the boys had followed them and one had a meat cleaver with which he cut the seat.

The case continues.



Michael and Julie Seale, who have been trying to have a child for more than seven years

## Too old at 37 for fertility treatment

By A STAFF REPORTER

A CHILDLESS woman lost her battle yesterday to challenge a health authority's ruling that she was too old for fertility treatment.

Julie Seale, 37, had wanted leave to seek a test case declaration that Sheffield Health Authority had acted illegally, improperly and irrationally in denying her IVF treatment. But Mr Justice Auld ruled that the authority had been legally entitled to use the age criteria because of budget restrictions.

The authority refused treatment for Mrs Seale, of Sheffield, on the ground that its IVF budget was restricted to £200,000. It said that to make the best use of its resources, it had to set a criteria limiting treatment "to those for whom there would be the greatest benefit". The medical advice it had received, contested by Mrs Seale, was that such

treatment was generally less effective in women over 35.

The judge said it was not for the courts to decide what was an appropriate cut-off point for IVF, even though, if Mrs Seale had gone private, she could have applied for treatment up to the age of 42 in the same area.

Mrs Seale, who became infertile because of the medical condition endometriosis, wept as she left the High Court. She and her husband Michael, a postman, have for seven years undergone other treatment in the hope of having a child.

Mrs Seale said the health authority had acted contrary to a pledge given by Tom Sackville, a health minister, that no one would be refused health service treatment on the grounds of age. The couple are considering whether to appeal.

## Naval attaché dismissed

By MICHAEL EVANS  
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER naval attaché to China who went on intelligence-gathering missions was fined £15,000 and dismissed the service with disgrace at a court martial yesterday after being convicted of fraudulent expenses claims.

Captain Allan Armstrong, 53, had worked at the British embassy in Peking for four years. At his court martial in Portsmouth he was told he escaped being sent to prison only because he was entitled to some of the money he had claimed on expenses.

He had been accused of claiming more than £2,000 by deception. The court martial hearing was told he had applied for a "breather" allowance that entitled him to claim an economy class flight to a holiday destination. However, he claimed



Armstrong: submitted fraudulent expenses

for a full package holiday to Thailand and the Philippines.

Commodore Norman Hodgson, president of the court panel, told Armstrong: "Had you not been entitled to a large proportion of the

money you obtained you would have gone to prison. It is not your rank that has kept you out of prison."

During the five-day court martial, Armstrong said his duties in China had included "intelligence gathering" for the Government. As a naval attaché, part of his role would have been to gather "overt" intelligence, including travelling when possible to military establishments and to keep abreast of military developments in China.

Yesterday, the court martial was told that Armstrong, from Cornwall, had assets of £227,000, excluding his home. Dismissal from the service means he can no longer use the rank of captain. He was also ordered to suffer the consequential penalties arising from losing his rank. However, a Navy spokesman said his pension would not be affected.

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Channel Tunnel train offers speed and comfort rather than low fares

## Eurostar service to Paris challenges airline dominance

By TIM JONES  
AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

PRICES announced yesterday for Eurostar, the direct train service from London to European capitals, will challenge the dominance of the airlines on two of the world's most lucrative short-haul routes.

Although the cheapest Eurostar fare is higher than the lowest standard airline fare, Eurostar offers passengers a city centre to city centre journey.

Fares to Paris and Brussels through the Channel Tunnel will range from £195 for a first-class return to £95 for a standard return booked at least 14 days in advance. An ordinary standard-class return fare will be £155.

Reservations for travel will open next Monday and the prices apply to a "discovery" service operating to the beginning of next year.

The walk-on passenger trains will complete the London to Paris journey in just three hours, taking 15 minutes more to Brussels. Jim Butler, chairman of European Passenger Services, said: "They will symbolise travel in



Edgley: "More comfort than the airlines"

the 21st century and bring in a new golden age of railways."

The start-up limited services offered by Eurostar come after more than a year of frustration and delay.

Because of continuing problems with the tunnel, the initial service will offer only two return trips a day, Monday to Friday, between London and Paris and Brussels. The tunnel will continue to be closed on Saturday for continuing engineering work.

Passengers will, however, be able to travel on Sunday evenings, offering the prospect of a long weekend in Paris.

The cheapest return fare will be £85 each for groups of between 10 and 40 people, although children between the ages of 4 and 12 can travel for £77.50. Children under 4 will travel free but will not be allocated separate seats.

British Airways, which carries more than a million people a year to Paris from Heathrow, Gatwick and Luton, claimed yesterday to be unconcerned but Eurostar has the potential to make a huge inroad into its business.

A British Airways spokesman said: "Our return fares range from a pre-booked £83 return to £245 and are flexible and fast. We welcome competition." However, from next month, an extra £7 will be added to air fares when airport taxes are introduced.

But when Eurostar works up to a full service of at least 14 return trains a day to Paris towards the end of next year the service will be capable of carrying 4 million return travellers a year, leading to an intense price-cutting war. According to the Civil Aviation

LONDON TO PARIS, FRANCE		
<b>National Express</b> Time: 6hrs 45min From Victoria Adult: £55 Family: £200	<b>British Airways</b> Time: 3hrs 30min Adult: £83 (€90 incl tax) Family: £275	<b>Stena Sealink</b> Time: 6hrs (Newhaven-Dieppe) Adult: £27 Family: £172
<b>Stena Sealink (Dover-Cala)</b> Time: 6hrs 20min Car with two passengers: £99 Family: £116		
<b>EUROSTAR</b> Time: 3hrs Adult: £95 Family: £345		

Authority, 3.3 million people travelled last year to Paris from Gatwick and Heathrow.

Keith Betton, of the Association of British Travel Agents, said: "The fares will probably be attractive to business travellers but for the man who has been flying to Paris for £50 on special offers it looks rather expensive at the moment."

"There is bound to be competition among the airlines. The launch of the Eurostar is, however, good news for British travellers because it gives them another choice and will encourage better value and better quality."

As they speed through the English countryside at 100mph and the plains of northern France at 180mph, first-class passengers will be able to enjoy fine food. A typical menu will include nigroise

salad, grilled beef fillet or poached salmon, cheese, fresh strawberry flan with ice and coffee or Belgian chocolates.

Standard-class passengers will be able to buy a range of sandwiches and pastries from one of the train's two buffet cars or wait at their seat for the mobile trolley service. A whisky or glass of wine will be priced between £2 and £3.

Richard Edgley, managing director of European Passenger Services, which is the British arm of Eurostar, said: "We don't see competition just in terms of fares. We are running city centre to city centre in competitive times and in considerably more comfort than the airlines and we shall get a major share of the market."

Because it is a cross-border

service, passengers will pass through security controls at the Waterloo terminal and will have their passports checked while travelling.

Once on the trains, travellers will be able to use telephones.

While the "discovery" service operates, trains will leave from London to Paris, Monday to Friday, at 8.23am and at 3.53pm, and on Sunday at 5.23pm. London to Brussels departure times will be, Monday to Friday, at 10.23am and 4.23pm, and on Sunday at 4.23pm.

Next year, Eurostar trains will operate from Edinburgh, Manchester and Birmingham, to be followed by night services from Glasgow, Plymouth and Swansea.

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## University distanced from IQ research

By NIGEL HAWKES  
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE University of Ulster has distanced itself from a professor of psychology who declared that white people were more intelligent than blacks and men brighter than women.

Professor Richard Lynn made his claim after reviewing international studies that showed male brains on average were four ounces heavier than female brains.

He claimed that as brain size was linked to IQ, this meant men were on average more intelligent than women. "The male IQ advantage explains why in Britain males obtain approximately twice as many first-class degrees as females," he said.

Yesterday Professor Lynn declined to comment. The university issued a statement saying: "Any views expressed, whether by Professor Lynn personally or in his publications, are his own and not those of the university. His work in the field of intelligence is necessarily a complex one and does not lend itself to generalisation."

After earlier research, Professor Lynn reported: "The difference in IQ between whites and blacks is about 15 points." The aim of his work was to investigate whether nutrition could explain the alleged difference.

## Girl died on 'too fast' ride

Police and safety experts were investigating claims that a schoolgirl killed when she was flung from a fairground ride had said it was going too fast. Suzanne Ramsden, 15, of Wigan, was on the Speedway ride at Ashton-in-Makerfield, Greater Manchester, on Saturday when she fell.

## Fraud sentence

Nkechi Amalu-Johnson, 46, of Kingsbury, northwest London, former head of Brent council's housing committee, was sentenced to 200 hours' community service by Southwark Crown Court after admitting three charges of mortgage and income fraud.

## Hospital ticket

A double-decker bus rushed Angela Sotheron, 15, to hospital when she suffered a severe asthma attack. Geoff Fields drove to Booth Hall Hospital, Manchester, after Angela began fighting for breath during the trip to school.

## Children shot

A sniper injured six children with an airgun as they walked home from school. The man hit the lower limbs of five girls and a boy, aged 11 to 14, in Exmouth, Devon. One girl required surgery to remove a pellet.

## Charity helpers

Children at secondary schools raise about £15 million a year for charity. A survey of 343 schools found that they raised an average of £3,800 each last year. More than a third went to local causes and a fifth abroad.

## Banana ban

Bananas have been banned from packed lunches at Copnor infants school in Portsmouth because Biddy Davies, 4, has a severe allergy to them and becomes seriously ill if he even touches one.

## Stags on loose

Rutting stags disrupted traffic after escaping from a park in Nottingham. Police and park rangers spent the night rounding up stags from the Wollaton Park herd.

## Increase in road traffic may be last straw for rare birds

By NICK NUTTALL  
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SOME of Britain's best-loved birds are being dramatically reduced in number by the growth in road traffic, a leading wildlife charity is claiming.

Up to 5,000 barn owls, a rare species whose numbers have tumbled since the Second World War, are being killed each year after colliding with cars and lorries. The road fatalities mean that barn owls, of which there are only 5,000 breeding pairs, are only just managing to keep pace with the carnage.

Other, such as willow warblers, are finding it difficult to breed because the roar of engine noise is drowning out the males' courting song.

Traffic fumes are also altering the delicate balance of insects, flowers and animals upon which some bird species depend. Up to 60 per cent of bird life can



The barn owl: up to 5,000 die each year in traffic collisions. Fumes and engine noise are also destroying wildlife

disappear in a corridor 1,800m wide from a road with the impact directly related to the level and density of traffic.

The findings, by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, are being used to justify a shift in campaigning strategy that will be unveiled soon in the society's first major transport policy document. The RSPB has

always fought against road building if a scheme has directly threatened one of its 130 reserves. However, evidence on the wider damage to bird life have prompted the RSPB to gear up for a wider offensive.

It mirrors similar shifts in strategy by other mainstream conservation groups including the National Trust. The trust is

required to protect its landscapes from damage and it has around 60 sites threatened by the £19 billion road-building programme.

Barnaby Briggs, who recently joined the RSPB from Shell to spearhead its transport policy, said: "We are terribly worried and concerned about the impacts

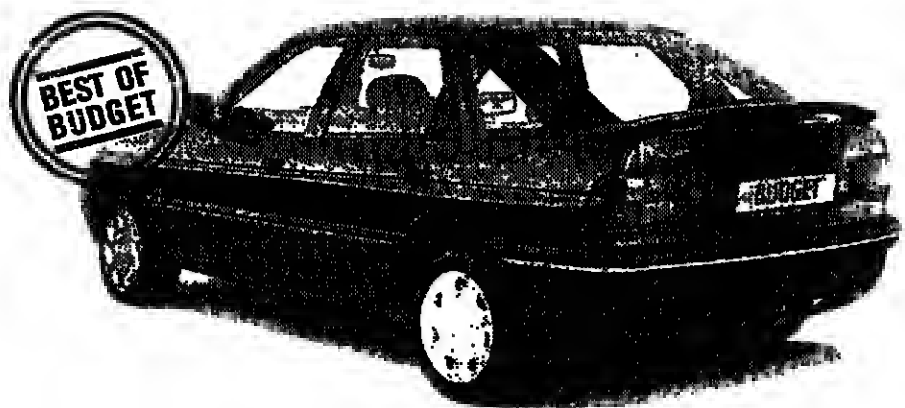
that roads are having on wildlife and it is our job to try and get policy makers and the public to realise this."

He emphasised that the society was not anti-roads but that it would challenge those where the environmental damage to birds and their habitats was not offset by compelling economic benefits.

Mr Briggs said barn owls were attracted to verges for voles. "More roads and traffic are now killing twice as many barn owls as in the 1950s. In some areas so many have been killed on the roads that suitable habitat no longer has barn owls on it."

He said research showed that road noise could damage birds such as lapwing, blacktailed godwit, redshank and ruff up to a mile away from roads leading to feeding or roosting areas being abandoned. A new road can also seriously harm willow warblers as it seems the females cannot hear the males' song. This effect is apparent up to 200m from the road.

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# Rifkind announces next step towards normality in Ulster

By NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, AND NICHOLAS WATT

MOVES to lower the profile of troops in Northern Ireland are being planned by ministers as the next step towards its long-term goal of removing soldiers from the streets of Ulster.

The Government has already responded to the reduced terrorist threat by opening some border roads and allowing soldiers to patrol without helmets and camouflage cream.

Yesterday, Malcom Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, told MPs that further steps towards restoring normality in Ulster would be announced "in the coming months, provided that the terrorist threat

permits...". The disclosure came as John Major briefed James Molyneux, leader of the Ulster Unionists, at Downing Street on his plans to open exploratory talks with Sinn Féin.

A Cabinet committee meeting this week is expected to proceed to talks on the "working assumption" that the IRA and loyalist paramilitary ceasefires are permanent.

The Rev Ian Paisley yesterday condemned the Ulster peace process as "counterfeit" because he claimed the IRA had received three shipments of arms since it declared a ceasefire in August. In an ill-

tempered press conference at the headquarters of his Democratic Unionist Party in East Belfast, Mr Paisley said that a source in the Ministry of Defence had told him that the arms had been smuggled to the terrorists in the Irish Republic. He added that the FBI had also warned the British Government that the IRA was still trying to buy arms.

Mr Paisley said: "As long as IRA/Sinn Féin remains undefeated and retains its tools of murder and destruction the Union will remain under physical threat."

The British Army declined to comment on his allegations. In the Irish Republic a Garda source said that the IRA had received no arms shipments since the ceasefire and he described Mr Paisley's comments as a "figment of his imagination".

However Mr Paisley's allegations underlined fears in Northern Ireland that the IRA ceasefire might not last. Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist security spokesman, said that the IRA might unleash a "vicious backlash" in January.

Speaking at the start of a two-day Commons debate on the Government's defence policy, Mr Rifkind said yesterday: "It can never be normal for soldiers to be deployed on the streets of the United Kingdom. Our aim is to remove soldiers from the streets of Northern Ireland — but when it is safe to do so, and not a moment sooner."

Force levels would be kept under review and reduced when it was safe to do so, he said. For the time being, "all the terrorist groupings still retain a substantial capability for carrying out further acts of violence without notice", he told MPs. Earlier, Lord Cranborne, Leader of the Lords, had maintained the Government's cautious stance towards the IRA ceasefire in a Lords debate on recent events in Ulster.



St Helier harbour, where ownership of a large area of foreshore is claimed as part of an ancient fiefdom by Richard Falle, right

## Lawyer uses feudal title in battle of the beach

By ANDREW PIERCE

ONE of Jersey's leading lawyers is using an obscure feudal title, which has been in his family for years, to try to win legal control of a £1 billion development site on the island.

Richard Falle is one of the best known citizens on the island and a former president of the influential local history association. Having encountered stiff opposition to his eight-year-old plan to build a marina for 1,200 boats on the industrial foreshore of St Helier, he has resorted to the

Norman law of fiefdoms. Mr Falle, an advocate in the Royal Courts, acquired the seigneur's feudal rights, La Fief de la Fosse, for the land at Havre des Pas. The fiefdom, a birthday present for his wife, gives him rights over the foreshore.

Tradition says the rights extend as far as the seigneur could ride his horse into the sea at low tide. Mr Falle is asserting that the feudal rights over the foreshore, which boasts the island's main power station, a fuel farm, and a large area of reclaimed land, include ownership. Crown offi-

cers on Jersey are implacably opposed to the claims. The battle will go from Jersey to the Privy Council, to the House of Lords and ultimately to Strasbourg. If Mr Falle wins, the States — the island's parliament — has been advised by lawyers that he would own everything built on the land in perpetuity.

Mr Falle is a former president of *Société Jerseyaise* which is leading the opposition to the marina development, which is in an area of immense biological interest. A survey by the society showed 85 per cent opposition

to the plans. The high tides at the site are an ideal breeding ground for wading birds such as the dunlin, ringed plover, turnstone and the grey plover. Many locals fear the wildlife will be destroyed. Mr Falle has, however, enlisted the support of biologists from Portsmouth University. Six years ago Mr Falle was the toast of the island because of his spirited campaign to restore to Jersey a prehistoric monument that was moved to England 200 years ago. That campaign is also still being waged.

## IRA trial judge accused of bias

By FRANCIS GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR barrister yesterday accused the judge hearing the trial of alleged IRA terrorists of bias, bullying and of "climbing into the boxing ring" to deliver blows for the prosecution.

Ronald Thwaites, QC, defending Thomas McAnley, 37, said that Mr Justice Allott had "personally tried to prevent the jury from forming an independent view of the case".

On one morning of the trial, Mr Thwaites said, the judge closed his eyes as the defence presented its case. "Of course he was not asleep but... the closed eyes of a judge is the judicial equivalent of telling you our case is a load of rubbish."

Mr Thwaites said that the judge had been "hyperactive" throughout the case. "He has climbed into the boxing ring time after time and in doing so has not done his job as the referee of the case. He has been delivering blows for the prosecution. What he saw

McAnley on the ropes it was not the prosecution hitting him below the belt but the judge himself."

Mr Thwaites, making his closing speech to the jury, said the judge had been sending the jurors powerful signals "that he does not like my client and he does not believe a word of his case. This may have pressed you and coloured your thinking. You may have already closed your minds to me because of the judge's behaviour."

The danger, he went on, was that the jury might have been tempted to dismiss his case before it had even been developed. "You may have been influenced improperly by the judge so, for all I know, an injustice has already been done."

Mr McAnley and two others are alleged to have been involved in "planting" 12 bombs in the London area between October 1 and October 2 last year and planning 10 more explosions.

## Rail crash inquiry to be held in public

AN INDEPENDENT inquiry is to be held into the collision on a single railway track of two passenger trains in which five people died. Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, said yesterday (Lin Jenkins writes).

Evidence will be heard in public and the findings published by the inquiry, which will be led by a member of the Railway Inspectorate.

Crash investigators said yesterday they believed they had discovered the cause of the crash but would pass the

information to the inquiries. Railtrack, the track owners, and Network South Central, the operators, are carrying out their own inquiry.

The trains crashed in fog 400yds south of Cowden station on the Kent-Sussex border on Saturday. Eleven people were injured.

The driver of the train removed from the wreckage yesterday was named as David Rees, 49, of Shirley, southwest London. The driver of the other train has yet to be formally identified.

## Health chief resigns

THE chief executive of the Health Education Authority resigned yesterday, seven months before the end of his contract (Jeremy Lawrence writes).

Spencer Hagard is known to be critical of proposals, contained in an unpublished government report, to turn the authority into a commissioning agency. A decision on the authority's future was expected last May but the Health Department said last night that ministers were still undecided on the issue.

## Forensic scientist drops libel action

A FORMER forensic scientist whose evidence helped to convict the Birmingham Six yesterday dropped a libel action over a television programme he alleged portrayed him as negligent (Richard Ford writes).

Lawyers for Dr Frank Skuse had planned to call fresh scientific evidence suggesting that two of the Six did have traces of explosives on their hands but after a ten-day adjournment they announced the action was being discontinued. Michael Mansfield,

QC, for Granada Television, which made *In the Interests of Justice*, said there were no other terms of settlement.

Dr Skuse, 59, said he had abandoned the action because, without access to unlimited cash, he had reached the stage where the financial risk could damage his wife and outweigh the objects of his action.

After the hearing at the High Court, Ian McBride, who produced the 1985 programme, said: "We stand by our programme. We have not apologised to Dr Skuse or paid any damages or costs".

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## Bishop approves ordination of 200 part-time vicars

By RUTH GLADHILL  
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to ordain up to 200 more clergy in one diocese were announced yesterday by the new Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Rev David Standcliffe.

After three months in a caravan touring all 452 parishes across his 2,000 square mile diocese, Bishop Standcliffe has decided that the only solution to a serious clergy shortage is to ordain dozens more.

He has asked each parish without a vicar to nominate a man or woman to be ordained. The chosen lay leader, already likely to have an active role in the church, would then become a non-stipendiary, part-time vicar.

If the vicarage had not been sold, they could move into it. Alternatively, they might live in their own house or receive help in buying a new vicarage. Similar schemes have been running in other dioceses but this is the first to be launched on such a scale.

Bishop Standcliffe said: "My



Standcliffe: three months touring his diocese

hope is that the whole diocese will say these are the things that we should be doing together. There is so much more strength when we are seen to be united."

When Bishop Standcliffe moved to Salisbury from his former incumbency as provost of Portsmouth last December, he found himself in a diocese with nearly 600 churches and only 270 full-time paid clergy to run them. The bishop said that on his travels, followed up by in-depth talks with parishes, those without their own

vicar had described how much they missed talking to him or her and having them there among them.

Kevin Catchpole, diocesan spokesman, said: "Many of our parishes are now grouped into teams, with in some cases a single clergyman having to minister to three or four. In one village without a vicar, a retired clergyman is exercising almost a full-time ministry."

He said the streamlining of countryside ministry into "team ministry" had been unavoidable. "With the rationalisation, which we had to do because of declining numbers and costs, villages were put into groups. This doesn't give them the closeness of seeing their vicar around and having a church house to go to in their village."

"This is answering the cry of 'Give us back our vicar'. In the same way as villagers cried 'give us back our bobbies'. Villagers didn't realise until they lost him what a vital, unifying figure the vicar was."



Anthea Turner will be a regular presenter of the lottery draw

## BBC dismisses rival lottery draw and lure of extra prizes

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

COMPETITION between the BBC and ITV over the National Lottery weekly draw intensified yesterday when the BBC confirmed that Noel Edmonds will announce the winners of the first £2 million jackpot on BBC1 on November 19.

As the BBC disclosed that it had signed up Anthea Turner, the breakfast television presenter, and Gordon Kennedy, a school teacher turned actor, to present subsequent lottery programmes, it emerged that ITV is planning to incorporate the winning numbers into a rival lottery programme in direct competition with the corporation.

The move represents a serious challenge to the BBC, which is understood to have paid £500,000 to the lottery operator Camelot for its three-year exclusive contract to televise the draw. It had hoped the show would attract audiences of up to 23 million, "locking in" viewers for the evening.

ITV, which was prevented by guidelines on commercial broadcasters from bidding for the rights to the draw, is now considering offering extra prizes on its lottery programme to woo viewers from the BBC. The

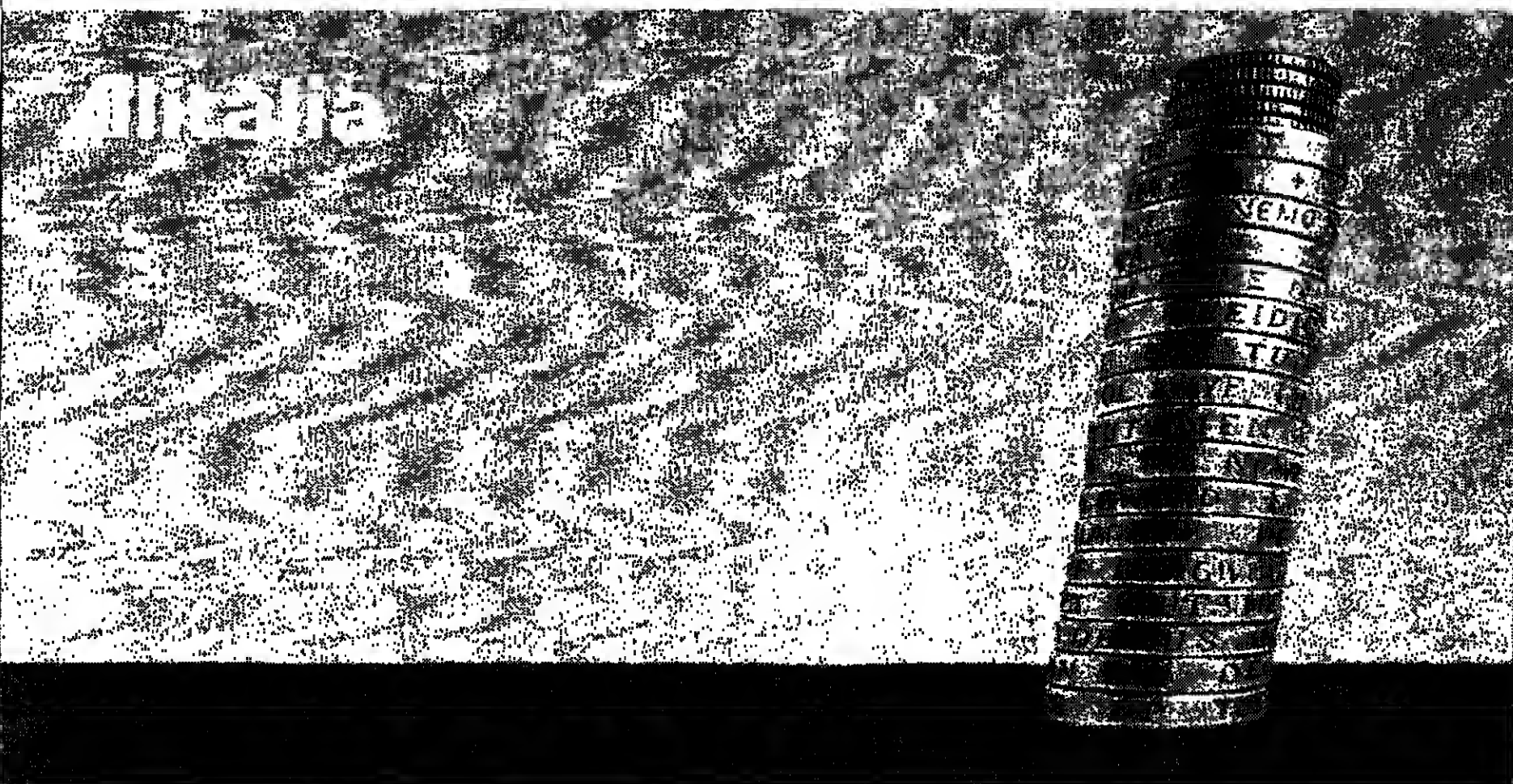
spoiler operation is possible because the numbers become public property as soon as they are announced and can be re-transmitted by rival broadcasters within seconds.

Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1, said yesterday he believed that audiences would prefer to see the lottery game live. "This is a participation game and everybody watching at home will be watching to see if they have won."

He said that given the competition between BBC1 and ITV on Saturday nights, the draw might not be broadcast at the same time each week. "There will be a general time that the audience will become familiar with," he said.

In the first televised draw 49 members of the public — each representing a number on the lottery play slip — will compete in a series of games and quizzes. The winner will press the button that starts the first draw, in which six numbered balls will be randomly selected from a drum containing 49 balls. The fee paid to Camelot by the BBC will be split 50/50 between the operator and the good causes that will receive proceeds from the game.

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## Leeds police criticised for tactics during riot

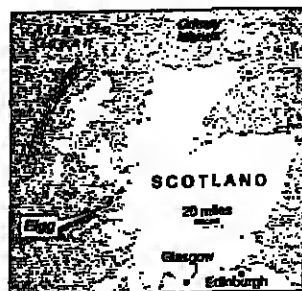
By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

FOG was blamed for hiding a "multitude of sins" during a riot in Leeds last weekend. Leeds magistrates were told yesterday by Ruth Bunday, a solicitor, that "some gross injustices happened" when fighting broke out outside a youth club between a 300-strong mob and police in the Chapeltown area in the early hours of Saturday. Twenty-two officers were injured.

Karina Phelan, 28, Mark Rowe, 22, Cal Nyahoe, 17, James Anderson, 26, Mark Mills, 27, and David Buifong, 29, all from Chapeltown, were remanded on bail until November 30. Karl Simpkins, 17, of Leeds, was remanded on bail to the same date on condition he live at home. All are charged with violent disorder.

Miss Bunday told the court that Mr Mills, a volunteer at the youth club, tried to calm the situation. "He never had a chance to get any words out. He was arrested."

Stephen Fox, for the prosecution, said that police had inspected a car and suddenly found themselves surrounded. The youths threatened officers but when police tried to arrest one of them they were obstructed, Mr Fox said. "The defendants assaulted the officers or threatened them." The seven also face additional assault charges.



## Eigg laird evicts islanders

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

EIGHT of the inhabitants of Eigg in the Inner Hebrides have been served eviction orders by the island's laird, Keith Schellenberg, has told two families they must be out by Hogmanay.

The move is the latest in a long-running feud between the islanders and Mr Schellenberg. All the adults on Eigg have signed a petition in protest.

The eviction notices have been served on Colin and Marie Carr, who run Kildonan Farm and Guesthouse, and John Chester, Scottish Wildlife Trust's bird warden on the island for eight years.

Mr Carr was previously Mr Schellenberg's farm manager. Mrs Carr, 36, has lived on Eigg all her life and the couple have five children.

Eigg's 75 inhabitants claim Mr Schellenberg, 65, has not honoured promises to provide leases and vital services, and he has accused the islanders of "lawlessness".

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Leading black lawyer challenges professional body

# Bar Council accused of racial discrimination

BY FRANCES GIBBS  
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING campaigning barrister representing black lawyers' rights made legal history yesterday when he took the Bar Council to an industrial tribunal claiming discrimination.

Peter Herbert, vice-chairman of the Society of Black Lawyers and a member of the Bar's race relations committee for five years, is bringing his case against the barristers' professional body after being disciplined for writing a letter on behalf of the society to David Pannick, QC, another barrister.

Mr Pannick had agreed to represent the Bar school, which was being investigated by the Commission for Racial Equality over allegations by black students of racism.

Mr Herbert criticised Mr Pannick for publicly opposing the Bar's race relations policy, and invited him to reconsider his position.

Mr Herbert was given an



Pannick criticised Bar Council's race policy

informal warning by the Bar's professional conduct committee over his letter. Yesterday he claimed racial discrimination against the Bar Council because he maintains he would not have been disciplined had he not been black and fighting for black rights.

The industrial tribunal in London was told that Mr

Herbert and the Society of Black Lawyers were backing black law students who claimed they had been racially discriminated against by the Bar School and Council for Legal Education (CLE). The students pointed to the disproportionate number of black students failing examinations and argued there was racial discrimination in the admission of students.

John Whitmore, for Mr Herbert, told the tribunal that the CLE decided to conduct an internal review. But the Commission for Racial Equality threatened a formal investigation and Mr Pannick planned to represent the CLE in a legal battle to block the inquiry.

Mr Whitmore said the Society of Black Lawyers was concerned about Mr Pannick's suitability to act for the CLE as he had written an article in *The Times* attacking the Bar Council's policy of having 5 per cent of barristers from ethnic minorities.

Mr Whitmore said Mr Herbert wrote a letter to Mr

Pannick in his capacity as vice-chairman of the Society of Black Lawyers asking him to reconsider his involvement in representing the Bar School.

Mr Pannick sent the letter to the Bar Council which took the unusual step of referring the case to the professional conduct committee. Mr Whitmore said. The Bar Council claims Mr Herbert acted improperly in putting pressure on another barrister to cease to act for a client.

Mr Whitmore said Mr Herbert, 37, was treated like a child by David James, the secretary of the professional conduct committee, and other members who said he was impatient, publicity hungry, spoiling for a fight and totally lacking in judgment.

He added that the Bar Council was disturbed by allegations of racism and the matter blew up into something more serious than it really was.

Mr Herbert is seeking the withdrawal of the formal warning and compensation.



Peter Herbert: maintains he would not have been disciplined had he not fought for black rights

## Solicitor calls for reciprocal EU bail rights

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE lawyer acting for an innocent man who spent eight months in a Spanish jail has launched a campaign to save others from similar discrimination.

Stephen Jakobi wants new regulations that would give European Union citizens the same rights that they would have if arrested in their own country. His client, Philip Clarke, returned home to Wales two weeks ago after eight months awaiting trial in a Spanish jail.

Mr Clarke, 19, a barman from Rhyl, had been arrested on suspicion of smuggling drugs. His ordeal, which ended this month when he was cleared after a 45-minute trial, could have been avoided had he been granted bail.

But Britons who are arrested abroad are unlikely to be granted bail and, like Mr Clarke, may have to wait many months before their case goes to trial.

Mr Jakobi estimates that in European Union jails alone there could be 10,000 foreigners who would not be there if

they were nationals of the country concerned. "The strength of the case against the person arrested may not be considered by a judicial authority for some months, sometimes years. Police evidence amounts to no more than strong suspicion, which has been codified as sufficient grounds in some countries."

Mr Jakobi, chairman of Fair Trials International, is calling on the Home Office and the European Parliament for change. One obstacle to bail is the fear of getting the person to return to trial, he said. He proposes that if a person fails to appear for trial, he could be arrested and transferred without the normal extradition requirements having to apply.

Also, there should be common bail conditions across the EU that might require the defendant to report to his local police station which, in turn, could liaise to the prosecuting authority abroad.

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## Inquiry ordered into delays on children's cases

BY FRANCES GIBBS

THE Lord Chancellor has launched an inquiry into delays in the hearing of children's cases, some of which are taking more than six months to reach court despite a target of 12 weeks.

A High Court judge has condemned the "utterly unacceptable" delays in the cases, in which the court decides crucial questions, such as whether an abused or neglected child should be taken into care or what contact there should be with a parent.

Responding to judicial concern, Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division, has raised the need for more judges with Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor.

The delays have arisen with the build-up of work since the Children Act came in three years ago. Mr Justice Singer, a judge in the Family Division, said recently that although the 12-week target might have been unrealistic, delays were such that "something has gone very badly wrong."

Ian Robertson, chairman of the Association of Lawyers for Children, cited the case of a mother applying for contact with her child who was taken into care. The child was nine

months when the care order was made. "By the time her case was heard and contact agreed... the child was over two years old."

Jeremy Barley, secretary of the association, said: "What we are seeing is long delays in the final hearing... You may have a local authority saying this is an abusing parent, five months before a final hearing — and then no evidence and the child goes back home."

Mr Justice Singer said there had been a 16 per cent increase in the year to July in the number of cases listed at the Royal Courts of Justice in London, compared with the year before. A case listed for three to five days at the High Court in London would now be given a date in February or March next year. Such delays, sometimes caused by wrong estimates of the length of a case, were a disaster, he said.

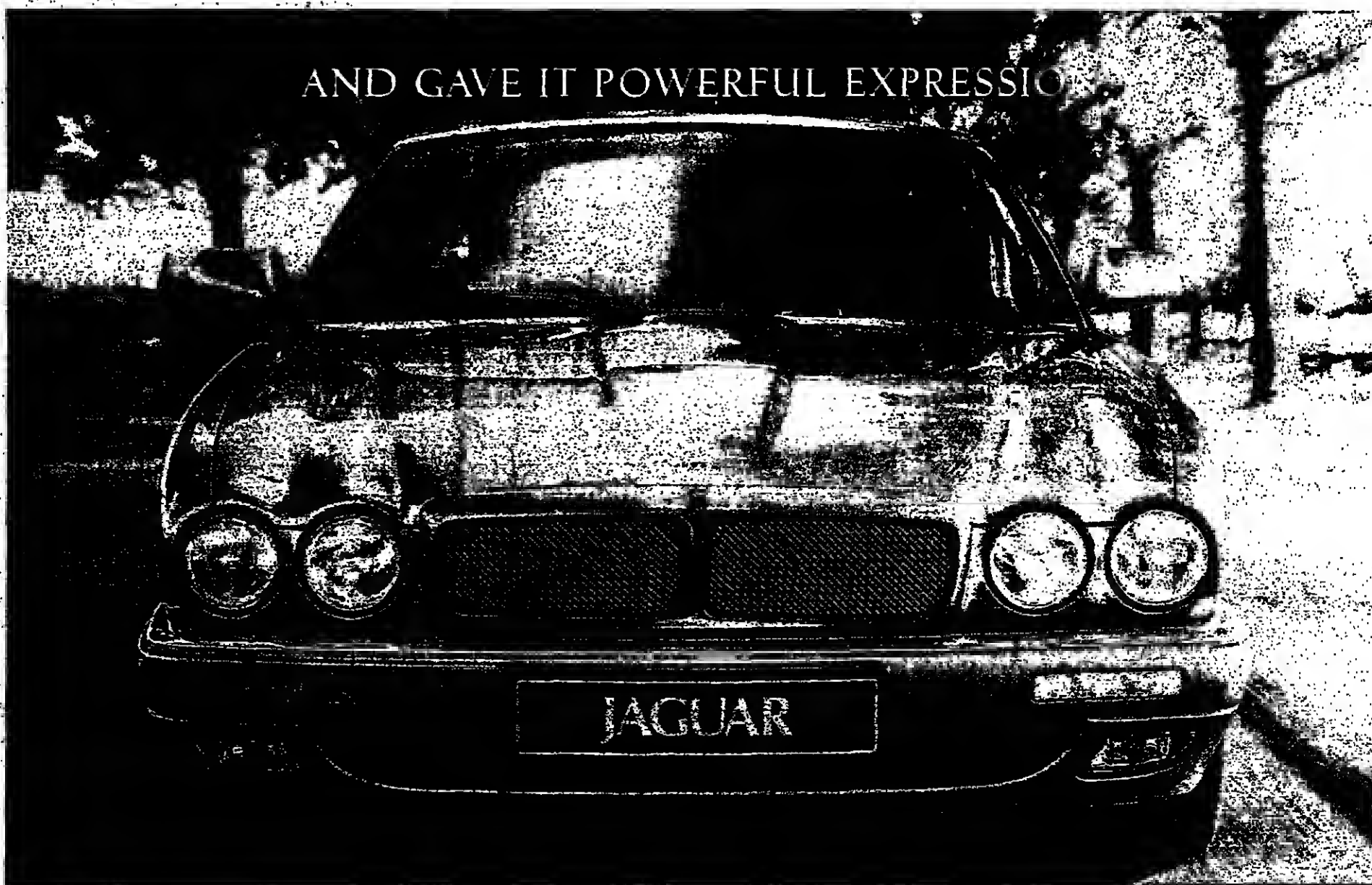
Nigel Shepherd, of Lace Mawer in Manchester and vice-chairman of the Solicitors Family Law Association, said delays existed in all courts.

"The county court, for instance, is a complete bear pit with no consulting rooms, people hanging around in corridors. The pressure to settle is enormous."

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## Rifkind pressed on Thatcher arms deal

MINISTERS were challenged yesterday to clarify claims that Mark Thatcher made millions of pounds in commissions from an arms deal struck by his mother while she was Prime Minister.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, insisted that he did not intend to be distracted by the affair after Tam Dalyell, the Labour MP for Linlithgow, called on him to "explain exactly what the role was of Mark Thatcher" in securing the al-Yamamah arms contract signed with the Saudi Government.

Mr Dalyell intervened on the first of a two-day Commons debate on defence. However, Mr Rifkind retorted: "Mark Thatcher is neither a member of the Labour Party nor, so far as I am aware, a member of the Conservative Party. So I don't intend to be distracted by your intervention."

## Blair bills Sawyer as builder of 'best fighting machine'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR put in place another main component of Labour's campaign team for the next general election by announcing Tom Sawyer as the party's new general secretary.

Mr Blair introduced the former union leader as the man who will build "the best political fighting machine in this country."

Mr Sawyer, 51, former deputy general secretary of the public service union, was elected overwhelmingly by Labour's national executive from a shortlist of four. He has been a pivotal figure in the modernising movement under three successive Labour leaders.

He has served on the party's national executive for 12 years. Under Neil Kinnock, he was a key influence in ensuring that the leadership scored a crucial conference nuclear weapons victory over the party's unilateralists. Last year, he played a

critical role in persuading union leaders to back John Smith's campaign to introduce one member one vote.

Yesterday Mr Sawyer committed himself to a detailed investigation of the 1992 Democratic election campaign. Close links between President Clinton's campaign team and Labour's strategists are expected to strengthen over the next two years and Mr Sawyer underlined Labour's willingness to learn from the Democrats' success.

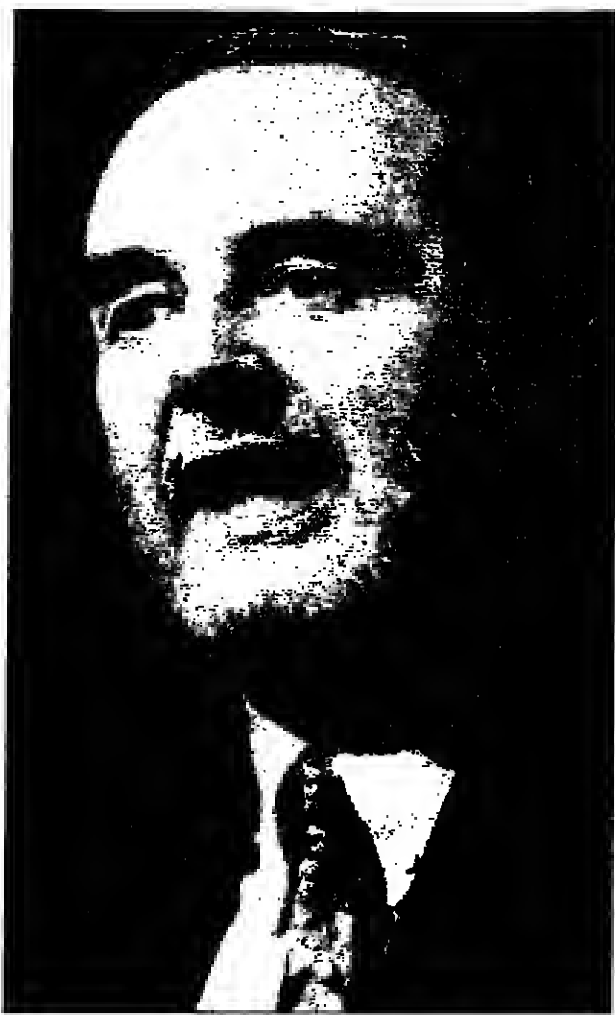
Members of the Clinton team have made clear that they have not forgotten the efforts of Tory strategists in helping George Bush's Republican campaign in 1992.

Mr Sawyer said: "There were many positive elements of the Clinton campaign and of the Swedish socialists' campaign. I will make a quick and comprehensive survey of the techniques used. I would bring the best of all the

experiences to bear inside the Labour Party. I'm not worried about taking ideas from other parties."

He singled out taxation as the key area of the future campaign, adding that he would also be concentrating on increasing membership and improving the party's financial base. Mr Sawyer replaces Larry Whitty, Labour's general secretary for the past nine years, who is taking up the new post of European co-ordinator for the party.

Mr Blair, who has made sweeping changes at the party's Walworth Road headquarters, forming a substantially younger team, said: "We want to build the best political fighting machine in this country. Our focus now is to lead up to the next general election and we have got the right person in the right job at the right time to accomplish a victory for the Labour Party."



Tom Sawyer, Labour's new general secretary, who says he will learn from President Clinton's 1992 campaign.

## Unions likely to defend Clause 4

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

TONY BLAIR is facing opposition from the trade unions over his proposal to abandon the traditional commitment to public ownership in Clause Four of the party's constitution.

A survey by *The Times* of trade unions' rules suggests that three fifths of Labour's union membership is committed to the goal of public ownership. Changing the stance of these unions is likely to be difficult.

The sharp divisions suggests that supporters of Mr Blair's proposals will have to persuade each union in advance of the annual conferences next spring, giving those opposed to his plans the chance to build a campaign against them.

Mr Blair's proposal to replace Clause Four with a modern statement of Labour's aims surprised the affiliated unions when he announced it at the party conference. His close advisers are now aware that winning the support of a several key unions will be difficult because many have Clause Four's objectives written into their own constitutions. Often

the only means of change are special or annual union conferences. This would leave any decision to support Mr Blair's move in the hands of union activists — the very people least likely to do so.

A survey by *The Times* of the rulebooks of all 34 unions and union sections affiliated to Labour shows that those with common ownership objectives written into their rules command a substantial majority of affiliated Labour conference votes. "Common ownership" unions can muster 2.45 million votes, while unions without such a provision in their rules have 1.6 million voting members, suggesting that supporters of Mr Blair may have to turn round a 3-2 majority.

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### Parliament today

Commons (2.30). Questions: Employment, Prime Minister. Conclusion of debate on defence estimates. Lords (2.30): Deregulation and Contracting Out Bill, report stage.

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By JOHN GRAHAM

After West had opened with one heart, North forced a bid out of South, who found himself declarer in four spades. The five of clubs went to the jack and a trump was returned to West's ace. A second club was won in dummy. Plan the play.

**Solution:** South assumes West has the king of hearts. He also knows that West's ace of trumps was singleton, or he would have led another to cut

down diamond ruffs. Therefore, even one more round of trumps will be fatal, as will any attempt to cash two heart tricks. The necessary play is beautifully elegant.

South ruffs dummy's third club, finesse the queen of hearts, and plays a heart back to the jack. If East discards, West is helpless because he cannot lead trumps. If East ruffs he can lead a second trump, but the ace of hearts is now a winner and the cross-ruff produces enough tricks.

## KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE  
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

### Never say die

Every chessplayer knows the anguish of committing a horrible blunder which loses the game outright. One might expect that such incidents would not occur in master tournaments but, as today's game from the Staunton Memorial currently being played in London shows, even rated players are not immune from such nightmares. In the game which follows, the culprit was Black's 33... Rd3.

White: Martin  
Black: O'Shaughnessy  
Staunton Memorial, 1994

### Trompovsky Attack

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|----|------|------|
| 1  | d4   | Nf6  |
| 2  | Bg5  | Ne4  |
| 3  | Bh4  | c5   |
| 4  | c5   | Ob6  |
| 5  | Oc1  | b6   |
| 6  | Ob6  | Ob6  |
| 7  | g3   | Ob4+ |
| 8  | c3   | Nxc3 |
| 9  | Nxc3 | Ob4  |
| 10 | Bb5+ | Bd7  |
| 11 | Bx7+ | Nx7  |
| 12 | Nx2  | Nx5  |
| 13 | Oc2  | Be7  |
| 14 | Rd1  | O-O  |
| 15 | O-O  | Rd8  |
| 16 | b3   | Rd1  |
| 17 | Nd1  | Rd8  |
| 18 | Nb2  | Bd6  |
| 19 | Nf4  | g5   |
| 20 | Nc4  | Nxc4 |

- |    |      |      |
|----|------|------|
| 21 | bxc4 | gxf4 |
| 22 | gxf4 | Oxf4 |
| 23 | g3   | Qf3  |
| 24 | Rd1  | af6  |
| 25 | Rc3  | Qf5  |
| 26 | Ob3  | b5   |
| 27 | Ob5  | axb5 |
| 28 | Rf3  | c4   |
| 29 | Oe3  | Oe5  |
| 30 | Oa7  | Rc7  |
| 31 | Oa5  | Oe1+ |
| 32 | Rg2  | Oe4  |
| 33 | Oe7  | Rd3  |

and Black resigned on account of 34 Qd7+ Kb8 35 Qf8 checkmate.

### Diagram of final position



### Staunton Society

Howard Staunton (1810-1874) was Britain's greatest chessplayer of the 19th century. He has lent his name to the Staunton pattern pieces, in universal use for important chess competitions. Sadly, Staunton now lies in an unmarked grave in Kensal Green, London.

The Staunton Society has recently been set up, with Nigel Short as its president, to raise sufficient funds for a fitting headstone for Staunton. To join the society or to attend its inaugural banquet on November 1, contact Brian Clive, the organiser, at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, the Staunton Society's headquarters, 100 The Strand, London WC2 (071-836 9112).

### Charity board

On Thursday at the Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, there will be a dinner for the Sick Children's Trust, the official charity of last year's Times World Championship. Lloyd Grossman of BBC's *Masterchef*, will preside. An auction will follow, including a Staunton tournament chessboard signed by Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short.

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## Bentley's buy and sell the loveliest jewellery

Bentley & Company, the antique jewellers of Bond Street, are seeking to increase their stock of antique and fine period jewellery and silver by buying privately. Enquiries are treated with courtesy and discretion by their buyer at 8 New Bond Street, London W1. For an illustrated compendium of their exquisite pieces for sale, please telephone 071-629 0651.

# We test the Daewoo range

The only thing these vehicles have in common is Daewoo (pronounced day-oo).



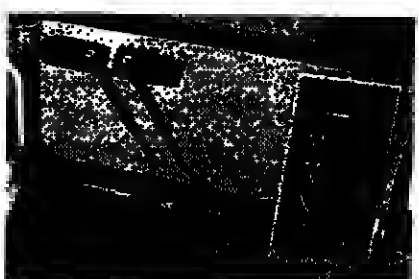
Looks impressive, but where's the rest of the steering wheel?



Full marks for clarity, and an impressive array of features.



Beam me up Scottie.



Spartan but clear.

Daewoo. Daewoo? (It's actually pronounced day-oo). I'd never heard of them either until I was asked to do this test, but they've been rolling cars off the production line for over 15 years and currently produce more vehicles per year than the largest U.K. manufacturer. Not impressed? Read on. Because they build more than just cars, Daewoo's (pronounced day-oo) the 33rd biggest company in the world, that's bigger than Coca Cola. (Even the 3-litre party pack). So, I went to the test with a completely open mind, thinking if they're that big they must be a force to be reckoned with and at least I'd get to have a go on a digger. Was I in for a surprise?

**TANKER:** Heavy rain meant conditions were less than ideal for all but the Daewoo tanker (pronounced day-oo-tanker), which handled extremely well in the weather. With an overall length of 180 metres, you could

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# Shadow Cabinet elections attract record women's list

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A RECORD number of women will stand in this year's shadow Cabinet elections, which look likely to bring about a major reorganisation of Tony Blair's top team.

As nominations closed yesterday 17 women had been put forward, two more than last year, alongside 35 men. They will compete for the 18 elected shadow cabinet places.

Two places have been vacated by Mr Blair and John Prescott, who are automatically in the shadow Cabinet as leader and deputy leader, but others could fall empty if present members fail to attract enough votes. Marjorie Mowlam, shadow Heritage Secretary, is expected to be re-elected while Margaret Beckett and Harriet Harman are likely to take the two vacant seats.

Other women tipped to win places this year include Clare Short, spokeswoman on women's issues, and Hilary Armstrong, John Smith's parliamentary private secretary. Brian Wilson, shadow transport minister, who is consid-

ered to have done well during the rail dispute, and Alan Michael, who was Mr Blair's deputy at home affairs, are also tipped as newcomers.

Mrs Beckett, who competed in both the Leader and deputy leadership posts while she held the fort after John Smith died, is expected to be rewarded with a top job of either shadow Foreign Secretary, or shadow Home Secretary.

In a big reorganisation to be announced on Thursday or Friday, Mr Blair is expected to bring at least two new portfolios into the shadow Cabinet.

Northern Ireland and agriculture, now outside the shadow Cabinet, are likely to be included in the top 18 posts. Women's issues may also be a shadow Cabinet job, and Mr Blair is being pressed to amalgamate local government with the environment.

Two portfolios, Overseas Aid and Children and the Family, may fall victim to the changes and become front-bench responsibilities.

The 52 nominated MPs were yesterday jostling for position in a last minute burst of

campaigning. All MPs have to vote for at least four women in the ballot, which takes place tomorrow, but there is no guarantee that four women will get on. The more women who are nominated, the more thinly their vote can be spread, reducing their chances.

Last year many of the old guard male Labour MPs exploited the new rule by voting for women who were unlikely to win. Mildred Gordon, 71, defied the pollsters by doubling her vote to 81, only just missing a place. However, Harriet Harman and Ann Clwyd both suffered from tactical voting by men and failed to win places.

Most insiders expect the four women in the present shadow Cabinet (including Margaret Beckett) to be replaced by either four or five women. Ann Taylor, the beleaguered shadow Education Secretary, who had her white paper hijacked by Tony Blair earlier this year, may not get re-elected. Marjorie Mowlam could move to either education or employment, jobs which are also being mooted for

Harriet Harman, tipped to move from her job as shadow Chief Treasury Secretary.

Gordon Brown will remain as shadow Chancellor but most attention will focus on posts of home affairs and foreign affairs, which will be announced by Mr Blair within 48 hours of the ballot results tomorrow night.

Jack Cunningham, the shadow Foreign Secretary, who polled the lowest vote last year may not keep his job, even if he gets re-elected, and Mr Blair's old job at home affairs is vacant. Robin Cook, now at trade and industry, and Margaret Beckett are being tipped for both posts.

Jack Straw, who master-minded Mr Blair's leadership campaign, is also in line for a top job, either shadow Home Secretary or shadow Trade and Industry Secretary.

Mr Blair's hands will be largely tied by the results of the elections. But he will be keen to shift Kevin McNamara, the party's Northern Ireland spokesman, which he could do by bringing the post into the shadow Cabinet.



The 17 women candidates in tomorrow's election to the shadow cabinet (from left) Mildred Gordon, Dawn Primarolo, Ann Clwyd, Joyce Quinn, Maria Fyfe and Joan Ruddock



Margaret Beckett, Joan Walley, Irene Adams, Kate Hoey and Ann Taylor



Marjorie Mowlam, Joan Lester, Llin Golding, Hilary Armstrong, Clare Short and Harriet Harman

## Labour must vote to discard the old and the stale

RIDDELL  
ON POLITICS

Tony Blair has much more on his mind than his debut at Prime Minister's questions this afternoon. More important are the elections to the shadow Cabinet which end tomorrow. If Labour MPs want to help him create a new look party, they should vote for big changes. The present team is lacklustre. Only about a half make much impact in the Commons, or have anything original to say. Many just resort to Government bashing rather than trying to jump ahead of Tory thinking. Few ministers are put on the spot by their shadows.

Labour is suffering from the debilitating effect of being in Opposition for so long. Most ministers from the Callaghan era have dropped out, through a combination of retirement, defeat or defection to the SDP. Their place has mainly been filled by the mixed bag of MPs first elected during Labour's wilderness period from 1979 to 1987. Many MPs have risen to positions of influence largely because they have been around, and survived.

So the choice of talent at a senior level is limited. This problem has been compounded by Labour's rules, which have increasingly narrowed the leader's freedom of manoeuvre. The size of the shadow Cabinet has risen since 1979 from 12, via 15, to 18, which, with the leader and deputy leader, almost exactly matches the number of Cabinet members in the Commons. An incoming Labour Prime Minister is required to pick his first Cabinet from the previous shadow Cabinet. So he is stuck, both now and later, with the choice of Labour MPs.

Labour MPs seldom cast their votes like examiners or even Booker prize judges, though some do understand the Glasgow patois. They decide on the basis of personal friendship, old political or regional alliances and, most of all, by voting for the familiar. The forces of inertia will probably preserve most of the poor performers.

MPs also have to vote for four women candidates. This

does not mean that four women will be elected. Last year, only three were elected among the 15 women candidates. This time, a record number of 17 women are standing, so the same could happen again. But the betting at Westminster is that more women will be chosen: some of Margaret Beckett, Harriet Harman, Joyce Quinn or Clare Short—in addition to, or in place of, the current three.

Looking down the list of 52 who are standing, it is hard to find 18 who could provide parliamentary punch and fresh thinking among the many time-servers and affable second-raters. But improvement is possible. The current Shadow Cabinet contains obvious heavyweights such as Robin Cook, Gordon Brown, Jack Straw and Donald Dewar, and rising stars such as Chris Smith, George Robertson and Mo Mowlam.

Many of the rest could disappear, to little regret or notice. The election of Alistair Darling, Alan Michael, Joan Ruddock or Brian Wilson, plus some of the women mentioned above, would strengthen the Shadow Cabinet, providing Mr Blair with the sharper performers he needs.

In addition, Mr Blair should put some of the brighter sparks from the 1992 intake—Geoff Hoon, Stephen Byers, Malcolm Wicks, Tessa Jowell, Anne Campbell, Peter Mandelson—and even some of this year's by-election winners into prominent shadow positions. That might not be popular with many MPs. But Mr Blair cannot afford to respect family hierarchies.

Mr Blair's ability to reorganise the shadow Cabinet does, in the end, depend on Labour MPs' willingness to discard the old and the stale. Judging by past elections, no one should be too it.

PETER RIDDELL



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find it tricky manoeuvring this one around Tesco's car park on a Saturday morning. At a cool \$14 million we're not talking finance deals or part exchange.

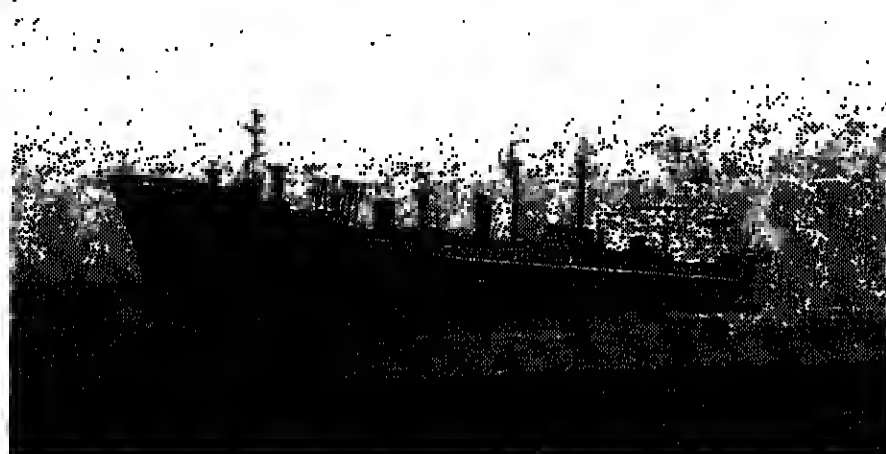
Not a bad start for one of the world's most advanced trucks. Ideal for long journeys, it's easily capable of cruising a ton (24,000 tons in fact, evenly distributed and containerised) and there's plenty of legroom, 5,250 sq metres of it. Only drawback, there are no wheels. (Not even a steering wheel).

**DIGGER:** For those drivers looking for an off-roader the Daewoo DH130-2 (pronounced day-oo-dee-aitch-wun-thur-tee-too) is everything you're looking for. Go anywhere looks are complemented by brutish go anywhere tracks. Even if you're on the road and you feel the urge to get back onto rough ground, simply activate the digging claw and tar-

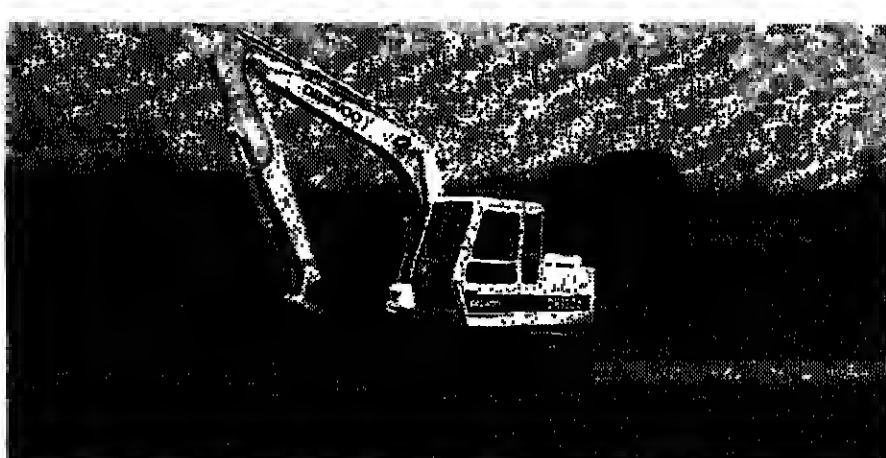
macadam becomes tarmac-had-it-PLANE: Like the DH130-2 the plane is at its best off the road. Obviously aimed at the upwardly mobile, prices start at just over the \$4 million mark.

The latest addition to the range, the Dornier 328, offers Daewoo built wings (2) and fuselage (1), a smooth ride, top class reliability (phew), good all round visibility and it's the only one capable of travelling upside down without scratching the roof. But I found the dash a little over fussy and confusing. Couldn't find the lighter anywhere.

**CAR:** Though not as roomy as the tanker, nor as fast as the plane, nor as big and yellow as the DH130-2, the Daewoo Nexia pronounced (day-oo-necks-ee-ah) has an overwhelming advantage above the rest of the range, its ability to compete in the mid-sized saloon car market. Costing a thousand times less than



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Braking Distance	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Maximum Speed	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Power	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Turning Circle	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Engine Capacity	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5

Manufacturer's figures unless otherwise stated.

the tanker it represents excellent value, which is no small feat when you consider the specification available: airbag, ABS, power steering, stereo, sun roof, electric windows and fuel injection. You'll actually get the opportunity of seeing the cars for yourself at the Motor Show on stand 542 (they wouldn't allow the tanker).

And apparently plans are already afoot for the next generation of Daewoo cars. With the former Head of Porsche Engineering at the helm, combining German technical know-how with British styling from their

U.K. Technical Centre (a prototype will be at the Motor Show).

## VERDICT:

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Braking System	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Transmission (Gears)	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Passenger Capacity	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Cylinders	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Weight	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5

Very small print disclaimer: The precise specification shown on the car may change by time of launch.

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The way ahead leads either to remorseless decline as habit of reading dies, or to a brave new world

## New chapter with a cliffhanger ending opens for libraries

By BEN PRESTON

LIBRARIES should be open "eight 'til late" seven days a week and be plugged into the global information superhighway, according to a blueprint detailing the future for one of the best-used public services.

Six "hyperlibraries" crammed full of the latest technology should be created to act as regional centres of excellence, says a study that attempts to chart a path for the 5,000 public libraries over the next 50 years.

The provisional findings of a team of private consultants and academics under the wing of the Association for Information Management (Aslib) are the first in a flurry of government-commissioned studies into a service at a crossroads.

Libraries are used by 24 million people each year but, according to the experts, the path ahead leads either to remorseless decline as the habit of reading books dies, or to a brave new world where information technology makes the library a focal point for the community.

Twelve days ago Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary, announced a Library and Information Commission to preside over change and ensure the impact on libraries is considered in the formulation of all new legislation. It will give public, academic, school and private libraries one voice. The inch-thick draft report published by Aslib this month aims to build on success achieved

### SUPERHIGHWAY

Information superhighways will allow customers access to any library in the world from their local branch. People will be able to transmit and receive manuscripts, journals, photographs, graphics, videos and books over international telephone lines via any computer terminal in the workplace, home, school, museum or library. The fibre optic network would, for example, enable a customer in Swansea interested in tracing his family tree to check the birth certificates held in Canada just by pressing a button.

within the local authority framework, rather than turning libraries over to private businesses.

Aslib says library users are optimistic and enthusiastic about the service. They borrow 500 million books and tapes annually and believe the quality of service has improved during the past five years. The expansion of higher education and the growing popularity of coursework in schools is bringing a new generation into libraries. The draft report makes three provisional recommendations. The most immediate and pragmatic is that libraries must be more responsive to their customers,

opening seven days a week and into the late evening.

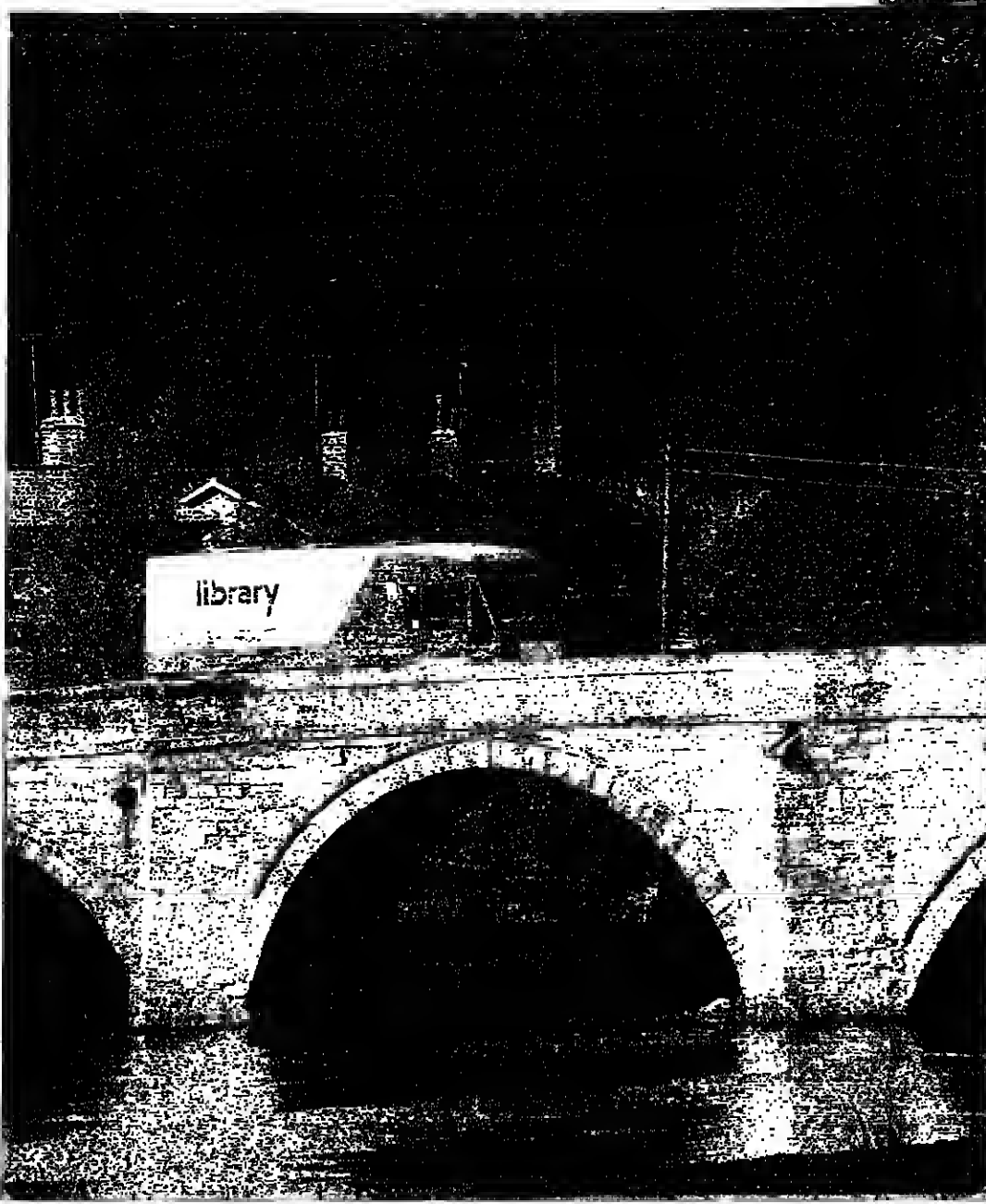
The most ambitious is a call for massive investment — about £500 million — to connect central and branch libraries throughout England and Wales to the new information superhighways. This would allow people to trade information across the globe.

The creation of five or six "hyperlibraries" would act as a focus for libraries in their region. They might bring a new educational dimension by offering a wide range of computer courses to reskill the local workforce.

The report, however, is less clear about finance. It says that good public libraries will stimulate economic growth and attract partnerships with business, job agencies, publishers and entrepreneurs. It rejects the introduction of charges for book lending (even though 37 per cent of the public support this option) and calls instead for a national system for recovering unreturned books and unpaid fines to raise revenue.

The Government is continuing to explore ways of injecting private sector management techniques into the library service. A draft report by the consultants KPMG Peat Marwick has concluded that competitive tendering is "feasible". The final version, expected in December, will determine whether ministers push ahead in the teeth of professional opposition.

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Cathy Moussette's mobile library arrives at Kirkham, North Yorkshire, for her fortnightly visit

## Books and banter on wheels for rural folk

By KATE ALDERSON

CATHY Moussette pulls her mobile library into a back lane in Kirkham, a tiny village in North Yorkshire, and begins to choose eight large-print romantic novels for her next reader.

"Elsie missed the library a fortnight ago because she had to take her sister to hospital," she says. "I had to leave her books in the coalshed in the backyard so I hope she is in today."

Elsie Carr, 89, is home and is delighted to see Mrs Moussette. "How lovely to see you, love. I'd run out of books and I do like my books you know."

For Mrs Carr the fortnightly visits from the mobile library are her only opportunity to borrow books and the librarian is one of her few weekly visitors. "This service is so important to me. It is a mile walk to the nearest bus-stop and I would have to take a bus miles into the nearest town."

Mrs Moussette's next stop is the village of Crambe a few miles away and she parks near the church and blows the van's horn. Minutes later a solitary figure in a white hat can be seen coming over the brow of a hill.

"That's Mildred Thompson," Mrs Moussette says. "She knows I'm here when I beep." Mrs Thompson struggles to climb into the van and after giving Mrs Moussette a bag of pears from her back garden she chooses her books.

Mrs Moussette drives about 180 miles a week, supplying books and information to 250 readers. She has nine different routes taking in dozens of tiny villages. Today she will make 16 separate stops allowing readers about 15 minutes to choose the books to see them through the next fortnight. Most are elderly, infirm or disabled, or mothers with small children. Without her they would all struggle to get to a library.

Mrs Moussette, 32, from Thirsk, has been driving mobile libraries for almost five years. "For a lot of people the library is a meeting place, a place to banter, a social event," she said.

North Yorkshire County Library runs 21 mobile libraries, each costing about £21,000 a year. The council views the service as essential to its rural electorate.

## Musty municipal backwater transformed by retail revolution

MARC ASPLAND

By BEN PRESTON

CROYDON Central looks more like a shopping centre than a traditional public library. The new model library for the 21st century is hidden behind an imposing Victorian facade, with a four-storey glass-roofed atrium, escalators and supermarket-style checkouts. Only the Muzak is missing.

There are computer terminals at every turn. Videos, CDs, audiotapes and 450 periodicals and magazines are available alongside the traditional printed word.

The first library with CD-Roms allows immediate access to Han-

sard, the daily report of Parliament, to the latest European Union business regulations, law reports and much more.

There are plans to connect Croydon citizens to the world on the new information superhighways. Computer courses on subjects from book-keeping to literacy, will come on-stream soon, helping people to learn new skills.

The council has invested £16 million in the library — the windfall profits from sales of derelict land. As well as new facilities, it has a new philosophy. Borrowers have become customers, with modern retailing ideas

harnessed to transform a musty municipal backwater into a consumer-driven public service. Staff wear name badges and are trained to provide service with a smile.

Chris Batt, the borough libraries officer, said: "We want people to feel as if they are coming into a shop like Marks and Spencer rather than a traditional public-funded library. We want them to adopt a different mind-set, feeling comfortable as they browse."

The ideas have worked. More than one million people have passed through the library's automatic doors in the 11 months since its dramatic face-lift, up from

600,000 the previous year. More than half of Croydon's 320,000 residents are members of a library service that costs council taxpayers 30p a week each. "You can do an awful lot for a community for relatively little money," Mr Batt said.

Inquiries for information from local firms exceeded last year's figure within three months, encouraged by "business breakfasts" that spread the word about services available.

The council is considering ways of extending the library's opening hours into the evening and the weekend. Recruiting volunteers is one option.

## Dorrell preparing reply to savage attack on St Pancras 'shambles'

By DALYA ALBERGE

THE Heritage Secretary will this month respond to the scathing report that described the saga of the British Library's new building as a shambles.

Stephen Dorrell's Heritage Department said that although a response was usually made within two months, there had been a delay since Mr Dorrell had taken over from Peter Brooke.

The report, published in July by the House of Commons National Heritage Committee, noted that "one of the ugliest buildings in the world" had so far spiralled from an original £16 million to £450 million, is nowhere near completion and will have just 76 more seats than the present home in Bloomsbury.

The report said the building was "at best clinically utilitarian and at worst actively unattractive". Gerald Kaufman,

the Labour MP and chairman of the committee, described it as being "as glamorous as a public lavatory".

The committee joined the British Library Regular Readers Group in recommending that the library remain in the famous domed Reading Room in Bloomsbury, in which Karl Marx and George Bernard Shaw worked.

History is repeating itself for, even when the Reading Room opened in 1857, the Keeper of Manuscripts noted in his diary that it was "unsuited... to its purpose and an example of reckless extravagance".

The British Library collection today includes 18 million printed books and millions of manuscripts, and acquires 30,000 new ones a year. The much-criticised new building in St Pancras is said to be too small to house the entire collection. It is also reviewing the "legal

deposit" law that entitles it to free copies of every publication. Although publishers are legally obliged to send copies, a loophole in the law means that the British Library does not have to keep them.

A more efficient way of storing collections is being sought, with the possibility of sharing with the nation's other five copyright libraries, which are also reviewing the system. A spokesman for the British Library said that it would be logical for books on Wales, for example, to go to the National Library of Wales rather than the central collection, and Gaelic volumes to go to Edinburgh.

Some five years ago the British Library began a weeding process, announcing that it would not collect every example of books and magazines printed in Britain. It cited Mills & Boon romances as an example of publications which would not be automatically included.

## Subscription remains an option for some

By JOHN YOUNG

IN THE heart of Leeds, surrounded by busy shopping streets, stands a handsome Regency building. It is the home of the Leeds Library, the oldest subscription library in the British Isles, representing a movement that began almost a century before the first rate-supported public libraries appeared.

The Association of Independent Libraries was founded five years ago in order, in the words of Geoffrey Farter, its chairman, "to gather together lost souls — libraries passed by in an age of high-tech public and academic libraries and librarians ignored by most other people in their profession". Its flagship is the

London Library, in St James's Square; the smallest of its 22 members is Tavistock Subscription Library, Devon, with just 1,500 books.

The first subscription library was founded in Edinburgh in 1725. In England, Birmingham led the way in 1757. Their purpose was to supply the needs of an increasingly educated population that thirsted for books.

Membership was limited and the annual subscription, typically a guinea, was beyond the means of many. As a result they developed a certain exclusivity. Most succumbed to the advent of public libraries from 1850 and were either "municipalised" or closed.

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## Bomb in suitcase kills Russian crime reporter

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

A LEADING Russian investigative journalist was killed yesterday when a suitcase he had been given exploded in the offices of his newspaper, the liberal daily *Moskovski Komsomolets*. Dmitri Kholodov died on the way to hospital. A woman employee of the paper was injured.

According to staff at the newspaper, Mr Kholodov had collected the suitcase from a Moscow railway station yesterday morning. An unknown caller had telephoned to tell him that it contained sensitive material for which he had been hunting for a long time concerning corruption in the Russian army formerly stationed in Germany. When he opened the suitcase in his office, it exploded, mortally wounding him and wrecking the paper's newsroom.

*Moskovski Komsomolets* is one of the most popular Russian newspapers, with a circulation of 270,000. Mr Kholodov had made a reputation writing on crime and corruption, especially in the military.

Stories of corruption in the armed forces are rife in Russia and the former Western Group of Forces, commanded by General Matvei Burlakov, has been a particular object of criticism.

The general has been accused by the newspaper *Moscow News*, among others, of arranging profitable military contracts with firms run by associates. Last month *Moscow News* printed a leaked report from the head of the army's legal department to General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, listing many cases of theft and corruption, including the sale of weapons. *Moscow News* accused the armed forces of "turning into a structuralised criminal system".

A committee appointed last year by President Yeltsin to investigate the Western Group

of Forces was dissolved and its report suppressed, presumably because its conclusions were too embarrassing to the High Command. General Burlakov's reputation has become so bad, however, that there was strong opposition within the military to his appointment last month as a Deputy Defence Minister in the wake of the final withdrawal of Russian troops from Germany.

The killing of Mr Kholodov is only the latest in a series of attacks intended to intimidate journalists in Russia and other former Soviet republics. In Vilnius last week organised criminals pleaded guilty to the murder last year of Vytas Lingys, a Lithuanian crime reporter, who had written on the so-called "Vilnius Brigades" activities. In Russia, as far as is known, nobody has been prosecuted in recent years for physical attacks on journalists.



Reneta Indzhova, Bulgaria's former privatisation director, was named interim Prime Minister yesterday until a December 18 election, ending a six-week political deadlock

## Albanian mafias target drug routes

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

FROM the lawless shores of the Black Sea to the placid waters of Lake Geneva, the "Albanian connection" is rapidly establishing itself as a key new drugs-smuggling route into Western Europe.

Crime syndicates from Kosovo, the southern Serbian province with an overwhelmingly ethnic Albanian population, have already taken control of 70 per cent of the Swiss heroin market, and police sources across Europe say Albanian gangs are now second only to Turks in controlling the Balkan routes.

Albanian mafia bosses have been able to take advantage of large communities of their compatriots in Switzerland and Germany whom they exploit as couriers. Increasingly these Kosovo drug barons are using Albanians as a drug route. According to the Paris drugs watchdog Observatoire Géopolitique des Drogues (ODG), they are also using Albanians from Albania by giving them false Yugoslav passports. With these they can apply for asylum in Germany or Switzerland, saying they are fleeing Serb repression in Kosovo. Before 1991, much of the heroin from the "golden

crescent" countries of Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan reached Europe via Turkey and then across Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. The war cut this route and diverted it northwards. The Albanian mafias are establishing a new route across Albania and Macedonia, where there is a large ethnic Albanian population.

A senior source in the Macedonian Interior Ministry confirmed that a new route is emerging. In 1993 and the first nine months of this year, the Macedonian police arrested 189 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, on charges related to drugs trafficking. A big network was also broken up with the help of the Italian police.

The ODG believes that drug trafficking by Albanian mafias is directly related to the smuggling of arms for an uprising in Kosovo. There appears to be little supplementary evidence to support this claim, however. Gene Pollo, spokesman for President Berisha of Albania, accuses the ODG of fabrication and exaggeration. He does not deny that there is drugs trafficking across his country but says: "The problem is under control."

## Finnish vote for EU raises hopes of Nordic 'yes' lobbies

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN HELSINKI AND NICHOLAS GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM

IN THE aftermath of Finland's decisive vote to join the European Union next year, attention shifted yesterday to the next Scandinavian referendum on EU membership in Sweden next month.

As they digested a 57 per cent vote for the government's "yes" campaign, ministers in the Finnish coalition government were careful not to be caught interfering in Sweden's domestic political battles. But Finland's vote vindicates the "domino" strategy agreed between the Finnish, Swedish and Norwegian leaders that the referendums should be staggered in an east-to-west sequence.

The Nordic Prime Ministers decided last summer that a pro-EU momentum would be best generated by holding the first vote among the willing Finns and hoping to end with accumulated pressure on the reluctant Norwegians, who vote at the end of next month. In Sweden, pro-Europe campaigners welcomed the Finnish "yes" vote, but with the country's new government split on the issue a closer contest is expected. With the referendum on EU membership to be held on November 13, the "yes" and "no" sides are running neck and neck. The most recent poll gave the "no" side 40 per cent and the "yes" side 37, although recent trends have pointed to a narrow majority in favour.

Commenting on the Finnish result, Ingvar Carlsson, the Swedish Social Democratic

Prime Minister, said: "It's a historic decision. We have to convince our people here with our arguments, but of course there are indirect effects. We who favour EU membership are stimulated by the very clear majority in Finland."

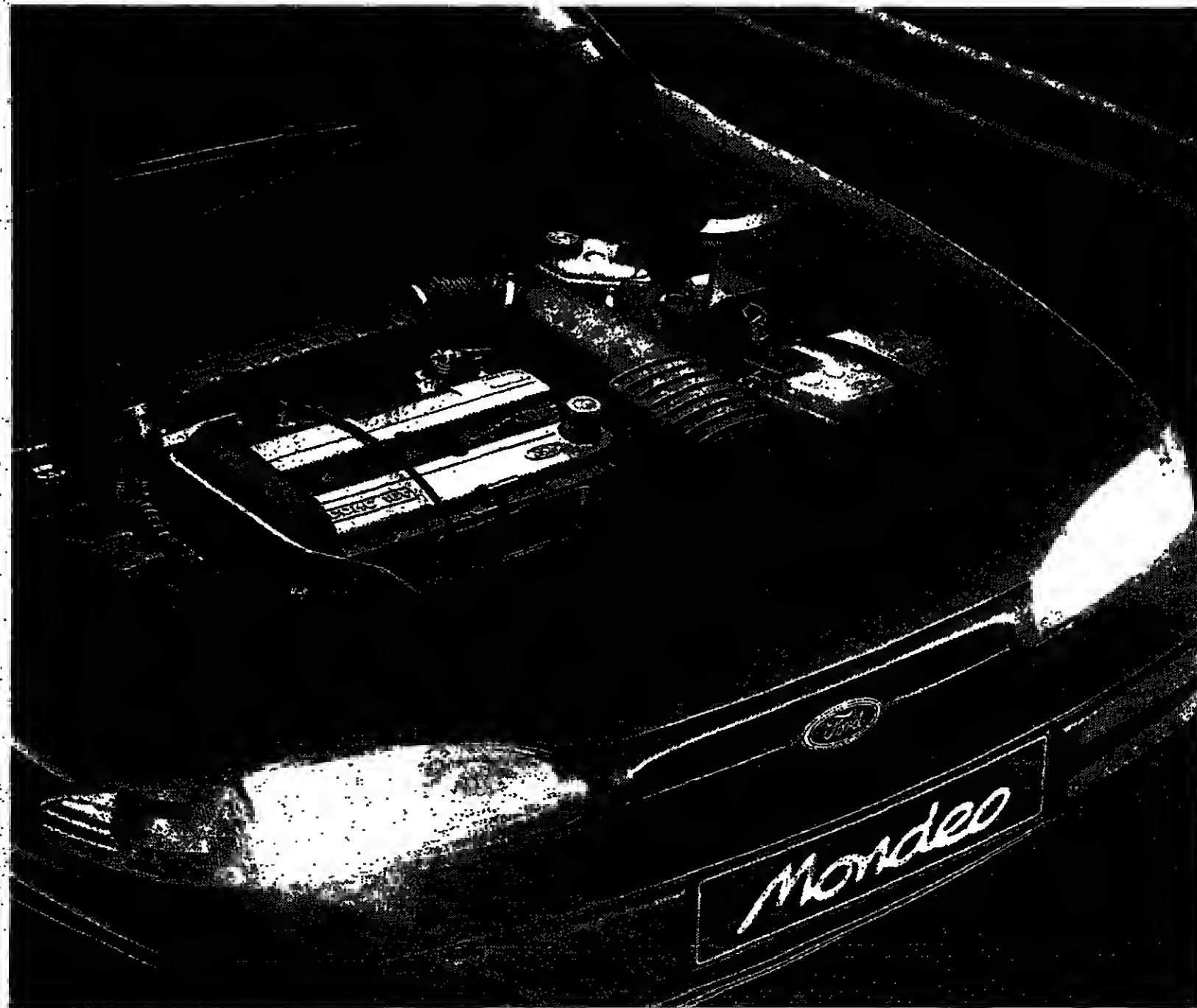
Even though Mr Carlsson made the country's application to join the EU in 1991, members of his Cabinet are actively campaigning against membership. Many Swedes remain worried that EU membership will mean losing sovereignty and high environmental standards, and will put in danger the country's policy of neutrality, which has kept the nation at peace for more than 180 years. They also resent EU bureaucracy.

Opposition is even more entrenched in Norway, with opinion polls predicting a strong "no" vote on November 28. However, one poll at the weekend did show that if both Finland and Sweden voted "yes", Norwegians, out of fear of being isolated, would narrowly follow suit.

Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian Prime Minister, said: "Many will ask why Norway will not follow Finland and Sweden into Western European co-operation. Will we have to go to a neighbouring land to find out what is happening in Europe?"

In general, "no" campaigners in both countries are hoping the Finnish "yes" will give only a short-term impetus to the "yes" campaign in their countries.

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## Radio has a Latin accent on the news

By GEORGE BROCK

THE news that Finland's voters have decided to join the European Union will be beamed to a global but select audience: this week which tunes in to the world's only regular Latin radio bulletin.

*Nuntii Latini* (News in Latin) was launched in 1989 by the international shortwave service of Finnish radio and its five-minute summary of world events every Friday and Sunday has won a passionate and faithful audience who send fan mail to its creators from addresses as far apart as Copacabana and Kuwait.

Last week's programme opened with an item on how the *Praesidentis Civitatum Unitarum* — the American President — had dispatched large numbers of soldiers and warships (*multa milia militum et naves bellicas*) to the Persian Gulf (*Sinus Persicus*).

It continued with a look at whether English and French (*Anglica et Francogallica*) will survive as the EU's only daily working languages in Brussels as the *lingua Germanica* grows more powerful.

Broadcast times and wavelengths for *Nuntii Latini* are available from YLE Radio Finland, Box 78, 00024 Yleisradio, Finland.



Chancellor determined to soldier on for place in history books alongside Bismarck and Adenauer:

## Kohl shrugs off perils raised by narrow majority

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl yesterday tried to banish any idea that Germany was heading for a long period of political instability because his majority had been reduced to ten seats.

"A majority is a majority," the Chancellor told a conference held to analyse Sunday's general election. "Of course, I would have preferred 50 seats, but I am an old marriage partner and nothing is strange to me any more."

The German leader was commenting after the confirmation of the election results which gave his Christian Democratic Union (CDU), in alliance with the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) and the liberal Free Democrats, a total of 341 seats in the new parliament, narrowly ahead of the Social Democrats, the Greens, and the former communist Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS).

Rudolf Scharping, the Social Democrats' leader, said that the Chancellor could barely justify continuing in power. He said it was "bordering on the irresponsible to try to form a government with such a small majority when there are such difficulties, such challenges and such

huge economic and ecological problems in this country". Herr Scharping said that he did not expect the government to be as stable over the next four years as it was before, but ruled out the possibility of attempting to oust Herr Kohl before the next scheduled elections in 1998.

Plainly the responsibility for toppling Herr Kohl will fall on the Free Democrats (FDP). Social Democratic strategy, analysts say, will concentrate on wooing the FDP away from the government.

Coalition talks between the Free Democrats — who won 6.9 per cent of the vote and 47 seats — and the Chancellor will begin later this week. Erwin Huber, of the CSU, has already thrown down the gauntlet to the FDP by saying there must be a tougher line on law and order in the next legislative period.

This was interpreted as a CSU bid for the Justice Ministry, a portfolio awarded to the Free Democrats in previous governments. The internal dynamics of the government have changed and this too is contributing to the general mood of uncertainty. The Bavarian party has become

stronger as a result of the election, while the Free Democrats are notably weaker. That will certainly lead to almost constant tension in Herr Kohl's new government. It could also presage a different approach to European policy. The CSU inclines towards the Euro-sceptical. By contrast, Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister and Free Democrats' chairman, is determined to push harder for closer European integration.

Herr Kohl emphasised yesterday that he shared Herr Kinkel's European views and was not intending to change tack. "We all need Europe — and Germans need it more than anybody."

The Chancellor's cheery optimism about the chances of his government could not disguise the fact that he faces a stronger opposition in the new Bundestag, the lower house of parliament. The Greens have returned to parliament and yesterday promised to push Herr Kohl hard on every important issue. The Social Democrats gained 3.1 per cent, and are now barely 5 per cent behind the Christian Democrats. Combined with their majority in the upper house, the Bundesrat, the Social Democrats are at their strongest for more than a decade. The 30 seats gained by the PDS will also give the parliament a more left-wing hue.

The happiest man of the day appeared to be Herr Kinkel, whose party survived against all the odds. The FDP has, however, fallen out of all regional state parliaments and was described yesterday as a decapitated torso. Jürgen Koppelin, head of the FDP in Schleswig-Holstein, said that the "whole national leadership should be pensioned off".

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Helmut Kohl, watched by his wife Hannelore, being congratulated on his victory by Erwin Teufel, Prime Minister of Baden-Württemberg

## Iron leader begins to look like a lame duck

By ROGER BOYES

When Helmut Kohl starts to think about his place in history, he gets out of bed, plods to the kitchen and opens the refrigerator. Since he weighs 20st 7lb, one can deduce that he often has history on his mind.

Increasingly the German Chancellor refers in his speeches to Otto von Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor of the first united Germany, and Konrad Adenauer. On Sunday night Herr Kohl looked drained rather than jubilant — *Kanzlermüde*, one commentator said, tired of power or at least of the political circus.

Why then does he bother to soldier on? The answer is the history thing. Adenauer served for a record 14 years; Herr Kohl, if he completes his new term, will have put in a remarkable 16 years. He will have outplayed all of his

domestic rivals, outstripped his fellow statesmen and women.

Herr Kohl has set himself two big projects: ensuring that the 1996 follow-up conference to Maastricht is dancing to German rhythms; and reconciling the rougher edges of German unity. Herr Kohl cannot do this alone and his dearest hope is that the next French President will be called Jacques Delors, his old friend. Together they can give substance to phrases such as the "hard core" of Europe.

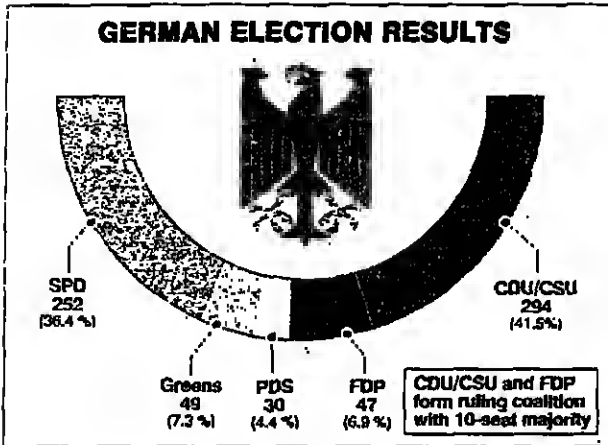
The Chancellor re-elected at the weekend, however, is not the Chancellor of 1990. First, his shrunken majority — ten seats is regarded as a very thin margin in Germany — makes him a Chancellor in chains. The government coalition may retain its old form (Christian Democrats, the Bavarian Christian Social Union and the Free Democrats), but the internal

chemistry has changed. The Bavarians have come out of the election in a strong position and, since the CSU ranks as Euro-sceptic, it may dig in its heels on faster integration. The Free Democrats owe their survival to charity votes from Christian Democrats who wanted to keep Herr Kohl in power. That is profoundly irritating for many CDU members: the friction is likely to increase as the Free Democrats become more assertive.

Christian Democrat backbenchers, some of them sidelined by Herr Kohl in his 12 years as Chancellor and 21 years as often ruthless party chairman, are likely to demand more socially liberal policies in return for their support. And the power of the Social Democrats has grown. Now, voting with the Greens and the former Communists, the party can make life extremely difficult for

the Chancellor. Herr Kohl, for example, is the first modern German leader with the constitutional power to send German troops abroad on combat missions. But he will need parliamentary approval and, given that there are some pacifists in the Free Democratic Party, that might prove a problem. The Chancellor will have to reinvent himself as a parliamentarian and he is at his worst in parliament: his speeches are often clumsy and ill-written. His treatment of deputies before critical votes has been at best arrogant, along the lines: "You cannot make it without me, so do as I say."

Germany may thus be run by a lame-duck Chancellor. Succession is high on the agenda. By announcing that he will not seek re-election in 1998, he has announced the beginning of a search for a Crown Prince. Not an easy proposition because he has squashed all his close rivals.



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Opposition parties, including former communists, plan to cut short fourth term of the CDU chief

## Bonn braced for time of logjams and horse-trading

By Roger Boyes

IT IS in the nature of German elections that every party declares itself to be a winner. Rudolf Scharping tugged yesterday on his famous beard — the one he refused to shave off in the chase for voters — and announced that the Social Democrats (SPD) were the clear victor in this most closely fought of general elections.

The Social Democratic leader managed to make even this triumphal claim sound boring; nevertheless, the fact is that Herr Scharping lost the election and that his own future has become rather cloudy. Yesterday the party leadership applauded his achievement — a 3.1 per cent gain over 1990's miserable result — but there are naturally some doubts as to whether the 46-year-old amateur cyclist is really the man to keep the party sharp in opposition.

The Social Democrats are in a strong strategic position. Fortified by a string of good results in regional elections, they control the upper house, the Bundestag, and can block or delay important legislation. In the lower house, the Bundestag, they can now, with the

Greens and the former Communist Party of Democratic Socialism, drive Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, close to the edge on many critical issues, such as the dispatch of German troops abroad.

The political trend for the next two years is clear enough: there will be logjams on every piece of controversial legislation, with compromises having to be worked out painstakingly in cross-party parliamentary committees.

The Chancellor, in other words, will be forced to talk more often to Herr Scharping: the period of horse-trading has begun. It will probably be an abbreviated period. The Social Democrat strategy will be to engineer the Chancellor's downfall by offering the Free Democrats a safer home in harness with the Social Democrats and the Greens.

At the moment, the Free Democrats are unwilling to play such a double game and more reluctant still to side with the Greens as long as they demand an end to Nato membership and nuclear power. But Herr Scharping, in the form of Günther Ver-

heugen, his party manager, a former Free Democrat, has a man who knows exactly how to woo the small party away from the Chancellor.

All that javelin-throwing and frantic bicycle-riding was more than an act for the cameras. Herr Scharping has stamina and can press home his advantage against a tired Chancellor. Whether he has the political skill to keep in line Gerhard Schröder and Oskar Lafontaine, his ambitious running mates, is another matter.

The time is fast approaching for a generational change in politics. The 1968 generation, those who came to political maturity during the student upheavals, are now hungry for power. The Chancellor has steamrollered his "1968ers" in the Christian Democrat Party — he distrusted their radicalism — but Herr Scharping has his team ready.

There are problems, though. The first is that Herr Scharping, despite talking loudly of social reform, is no great moderniser. He is personally cautious, retreating from critical issues such as economic deregulation. And he heads the most conservative party in Germany. Tradition matters more in the German Social Democratic movement than in the CDU: every election meeting was full of references to the 131-year history of social democracy.

The question is whether the Social Democrats can keep their nerve and hang on quietly while Herr Kohl's government unravels. For the time being, not much more is required. But Herr Scharping still has to persuade the voters that the centre-left has a future. He must give the impression of wanting power and yet not press too hard: Germans do not like, or reward, saboteurs.



Dagmar Köhl, top, in 1977 when she was picked as Miss Germany. She has now been elected as an MP, above, for the conservative Bavarian Christian Social Union

## Literary lion of Left has taste of triumph

FROM DAVID CHILDS IN BERLIN

IF Helmut Kohl is the obvious victor in the German election, the writer Stefan Heym can perhaps claim to be the proudest man in the country.

The frail Herr Heym, a lifelong socialist and former resident of communist East Germany, deeply resented election campaign attacks on him by Herr Kohl and the Christian Democrats as a "left-wing fascist". By a stroke of irony, he will have the honour of opening the next Bundestag as its oldest member. He personifies the comeback of the former communists in the East.

In Sunday's general election, Herr Heym won the Berlin-Mitte-Prenzlauer Berg constituency for the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS), the successor to the former ruling communists, the Socialist Unity Party (SED). He polled 40.6 per cent of the vote to 37.2 per cent for the Social Democrat (SPD) candidate.

Herr Heym, 81, a Jew from Chemnitz, returned to Germany as an American officer in 1945, having been forced to leave after the Nazi takeover in 1933. He joined the SED and became a star of the East German cultural scene until he fell out with the communists years later. He remained a socialist whose professed aim was not to abolish the East German state but rather to make it democratic. Because of his status in literary and left-wing circles in Germany and abroad, Herr Heym was something of a catch for the PDS when it was trying to shake off its communist image. He stood as a PDS-backed independent rather than as a party member.

But the PDS won support across eastern Germany, not only because of high-profile candidates such as Herr Heym but also because of continuing resentment by the east of the west, four years after reunification. In east Berlin, the PDS was able to score well because of the heavy concentration of former com-

munist officials who still live there. But the party was also able to attract younger people as well as protest votes throughout the former East German state. Higher unemployment than in the western regions, loss of status, and a feeling that the old West is colonising the old East all conspired to help the party.

The unusual quality of PDS candidates also played a part. They included Count Heinrich von Einsiedel, a former Social Democrat and great grandson

and diplomat in East Germany. "We will be a colourful bunch," Herr Gysi observed with understatement yesterday. "We will be anything but a boringly unified faction."

Herr Gysi, a former SED member, worked as a lawyer defending dissidents before the collapse of Erich Honecker's state. He is both a good public speaker and a polished television chat show performer. On Sunday he won the Berlin-Hellersdorf-Marzahn constituency with 48.9 per cent of the vote. The other two PDS winners in Berlin were Christa Luft, the former East German Economics Minister, and Manfred Müller.

As a result, the PDS has 30 seats in the Bundestag, as opposed to 17 in the last parliament. Nationally, it received only 4.4 per cent of the vote, thus falling below the 5 per cent minimum required to gain seats. But because of peculiarities in the German electoral system, it is entitled to a full share of seats, having won more than three constituencies directly.

This is the first time this has happened since the founding of the federal republic in 1949. The question now is whether the PDS can build on its success by aligning itself with the Greens and trying to replace the SPD as a genuine alternative to the Christian Democrats.

The PDS is clearly aiming to become the party of the German Left by absorbing social democratic and pacifist opinion as well as communist traditions. Yet it remains a regional protest party and obviously has a long way to go before it can convince a significant number of West Germans that it, rather than the SPD, is the natural party of democratic socialism.

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Gysi: "We will be a colourful bunch"

of Bismarck, and Christina Schenk, 42, who colourfully combines Green credentials, overt lesbianism and a career as a physicist. Other PDS MPs include Ruth Fuchs, the former East German Olympic champion, Rolf Kutzmutz, one-time informer for the Stasi, and Gerhard Zwerenz, writer of erotic short stories. But the party's undoubted star was Gregor Gysi, 46, whose father left Germany as a Jewish communist and returned to become a minister



Rudolf Scharping at a Bonn news conference yesterday



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# Baghdad failure to recognise Kuwait angers UN chiefs

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND RICHARD BEESTON IN BAGHDAD

IRAQ disappointed the United Nations Security Council's hopes yesterday that it would announce its formal recognition of Kuwait and the new UN-demarcated border, and criticised Britain for suggesting that the oil embargo might never be lifted as long as President Saddam Hussein stayed in power.

As the Iraqi parliament met in extraordinary session, Tariq Aziz, the Deputy Prime Minister, told Security Council members in New York that Baghdad was ready to recognise Kuwait as it had declared in a joint communiqué with Russia last week. But he failed to announce the formal and unconditional recognition of Kuwait and its borders that the Security Council had de-

manded as recently as Saturday in a resolution banning Republican Guard forces from southern Iraq.

He then harangued the council for failing to move towards lifting the oil embargo imposed after the invasion of Kuwait four years ago.

Security Council members had expected Mr Aziz to announce Iraq's recognition of Kuwait and its borders in the wake of the Russian-brokered deal, in which Moscow promised to seek an end to the UN oil embargo in six months.

Iraq did formally revoke its annexation of Kuwait in the immediate aftermath of the war in 1991, with a decision by the Revolutionary Command Council and the parliament. But now Security Council

members want Iraq to recognise not just the sovereignty of Kuwait but also the new UN-demarcated border, as required by Security Council Resolution 833.

The new border, based on an 1963 agreement, awards the emirate a thin slice of territory which before the Gulf War was held by Iraq, including 11 oil wells and an old naval base.

Mr Aziz's failure to make a formal recognition of Kuwait amounted to an embarrassment for Andrei Kozirev, the Russian Foreign Minister, who had just briefed the Security Council on the deal he negotiated last week in Baghdad. Moscow argues that the resolution spelling out the terms of the Gulf War ceasefire requires the council to lift the embargo as soon as Iraq has fully co-operated with UN weapons inspectors.

America, however, says that Iraq must also satisfy other UN demands, including the return of missing Kuwaitis and plundered Kuwaiti property, and an end to the repression of Iraq's Kurdish and Shia Muslim populations.

The Iraqi parliament had met behind closed doors earlier in special session. It was not disclosed whether members debated recognition of Kuwait. There had been little doubt among parliamentarians arriving for the session that they were expected to reverse the decision they took unanimously on the eve of the Gulf War, confirming Kuwait as Iraq's 19th province.

"They have not told us what we are here for, but I know that our first priority is to have sanctions lifted because our people are suffering," said Muhammad Mudafar al-Adhami, a university professor and parliamentary deputy. "If that means confirming the government's decision to recognise Kuwait, we will do it."

□ Kuwaiti Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, on a visit to Kuwait, said it was up to the UN and not the United States to decide on the use of force against Iraq if it failed to comply with the demand to withdraw its troops.



Three Iraqis, convicted of plotting to kill President Bush, with their lawyer in a Kuwait court yesterday. Their appeal against execution is due next month

## Troops keep watch on tent dwellers

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER ON THE KUWAIT BORDER

THE United Nations force manning the disputed Kuwait-Iraq border, including 775 armed Bangladeshi soldiers, has been placed on maximum alert to handle the growing threat to peace posed by more than 4,000 stateless Arabs who have been gathering in tents on the Iraqi side since the latest Gulf crisis erupted.

Brigadier-General Victor Baralea, Argentinean deputy commander of the 1,100-member UN observer mission, said yesterday that the protest centred on 1,000 tents pitched in a camp starting only six yards from the demilitarised zone. He said it was now "a matter of concern" because of the possibility of an attempted border encroachment.

Photographs of the camp, which is stretched alongside the main road from Umm Qasr to the Iraqi port of Basra and supposedly run by a group called the Association of Claimants, show it is rapidly acquiring permanence. An electricity grid is being installed and the Iraqi authori-

ties are providing water, food and sewage facilities.

The stateless Arabs known as *bidoon* (the withouts) claim to have been expelled from Kuwait during the Gulf War, and a delegation which recently visited the UN mission headquarters at Umm Qasr demanded the right to return, compensation for lost property and the release of *bidoon* held in Kuwaiti prison.

UN officers believe that the protest, which Iraqis claim will soon involve 20,000 people, is being masterminded by the Baghdad regime. "I have twice tried to speak to the tent dwellers, but they have been hustled away by their minders," RAF Flight Lieutenant John Ball, serving with the observers, said.

Kuwait dismisses the claim that the protesters are civilians, claiming they are Iraqi soldiers in plain clothes. Officials also say that most *bidoon* were Iraqis who concealed their nationality to benefit from rewarding economic opportunities in the emirate.

## Clinton seizes on Republican errors

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON



WITH just three weeks until election day, the White House concedes that it will lose a large number of Democratic seats in the House and Senate, but it is increasingly hopeful of averting a disaster in which the Republicans would seize outright control of one or both houses.

Senior Democrats have taken heart from President Clinton's string of successes in Haiti, Iraq and — it now appears — in the Middle East, and from what they believe to be tactical errors by Newt Gingrich, the pugnacious Republican leader who hopes to be the next House Speaker.

The Republicans need to gain seven Senate and 40 House seats to win control of Congress, but Tony Coelho, senior adviser to the Democratic National Committee, believed the losses could be restricted to three Senate seats and 20 to 25 in the House.

"This campaign is coming together very nicely. The election is now turning," he claimed with some hyperbole. George Stephanopoulos, Mr Clinton's adviser, said that private White House polls showed that the haem-

cans want to take the country back to "trickle-down Reaganomics" and the "failed policies of the past".

The Democrats have likewise launched an advertising campaign showing Mr Gingrich helping Republicans sign the contract while an announcer asks: "What did they commit to? Huge tax cuts for the wealthy, billions in defence increases, a trillion dollars in promises that will explode the deficit again."

The Democrats have gained further ammunition from a leaked memorandum describing a private meeting between Mr Gingrich and lobbyists last week.

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## Visit to Peking ruled out

Hong Kong: Richard Needham, the British trade minister, will not make a planned visit to China because the dates were "not convenient" for Peking. Despite the apparent setback Mr Needham said that prospects were bright for British trade with China, which he said have had their "ups and downs for 200 years".

Speaking to the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce during a stopover in the colony while leading 20 British businessmen to the Philippines, Indonesia, and Singapore, Mr Needham said that "Britain is China's natural and strongest friend". But he confirmed that while he had wished to include China in his two-week tour, "we couldn't organise it".

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## Macedonia backs leader

Skopje: Kiro Gligorov, the Macedonian President, and his ruling party have established a clear lead in presidential and parliamentary elections marked by a low turnout and irregularities. A partial count put the 77-year-old President comfortably ahead of his challenger, theatre director Ljubisa Georgievski. European election monitors said they found serious irregularities, including the absence of eligible voters from some electoral rolls. (Reuters)

## Singapore quizzes don

Singapore: Christopher Lingle, 46, an American academic at the state-run National University of Singapore, was interrogated for 90 minutes by police yesterday for writing a newspaper opinion piece criticising Asian governments. The senior fellow in European studies, in an article in the *International Herald Tribune*, referred to unnamed "intolerant regimes in the region". (Reuters)

## Wellington may cut link

Wellington: The New Zealand government has taken the first step towards ending the right of appeal to the Privy Council in London by calling on John McGrath, the Solicitor-General, to evaluate possible alternatives. It said that a decision would then be made whether to retain the availability of appeals to the Commonwealth's highest court of appeal.

## Plea for attack on world poverty

By MICHAEL BINYON  
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General, yesterday called on the industrialised nations to take urgent steps to eliminate world poverty, which he called a "terrible, cruel and unacceptable reality" jeopardising human existence and dignity.

In a message to mark the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty yesterday, Dr Boutros Ghali said extreme poverty was a scourge affecting every country and continent, including the very heart of industrialised countries. Despite UN efforts to alleviate the consequences, poverty remained endemic in some parts of the world and was growing worse in others.

The UN estimates that one-fifth of the world's population, the majority of them women, live in absolute poverty, with income and consumption below nationally defined poverty lines. Some 1.5 billion people lack access to clean drinking water and sanitation; more than 500 million go to bed hungry each night.

He said that the World Summit for Social Development, to be held in Copenhagen in March, must insist that economic advance was impossible without social development. But more and more people were increasingly vulnerable as they were caught in a spiral of marginalisation and exclusion.

"We must stand together and say no — no to poverty, no to misery, no to all situations which undermine the dignity and integrity of the human person."

A three-day UN seminar on extreme poverty and the denial of human rights last week concluded that poor people should be involved in strategies to help them, but this was difficult because poverty was itself an obstacle to participation. It said extreme poverty should remain a UN priority, especially in the field of human rights and special attention should be given to strengthening the family.

## Stradivarius makes music for lawyers

BY BEN MACINTYRE

TERESA Salvato is strictly an amateur violinist, but when she played her battered old fiddle the sounds that wafted from beneath her bow were "heavenly".

That, say musical experts, is because she was playing a Stradivarius, the famed "Duke of Alcantara", which disappeared 27 years ago and is now the subject of an intense legal battle.

The 1732 violin originally belonged to a Spanish nobleman and is valued at about \$800,000 (£500,000), according to a report in yesterday's *Wall Street Journal*.

Eventually it was given to the University of California at Los Angeles, but in August 1967 it vanished after being lent to David Margets, second violinist in a university string quartet, who believes he may have left the Stradivarius on the roof of his car while driving home from a shopping trip. Either that, he says, or it was stolen from his car.

Mr Margets's frantic efforts to find the missing violin proved fruitless, and for more than a quarter of a century the violin has been missing, presumed lost.

Last January, Ms Salvato picked up the violin she had obtained as part of a divorce

settlement, but when she took it to be repaired, a sharp-eyed dealer realised he was holding the missing Duke of Alcantara.

The university promptly demanded the return of the precious violin. Ms Salvato, perhaps understandably, refused, and for ten months a discordant argument has echoed through the Californian courts. Ms Salvato finally checked into a hotel and hid the Alcantara after police threatened to arrest her and the university sued to regain possession.

Ms Salvato says her former husband inherited the violin from his aunt who had kept the instrument in a cupboard until her death.

The Duke of Alcantara is now in legal limbo. The university claims that if the violin was stolen, then Ms Salvato has no legal title. Ms Salvato, however, accuses the university of carelessness.

Last week the two sides came to a truce when Ms Salvato offered to place the violin in a museum while the courts ponder its ownership. Until they decide, the only music being made by the Duke of Alcantara will be the sound of Los Angeles lawyers rubbing their hands together.

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# Jordan and Israel settle border and water claims

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL and Jordan finalised the draft of a peace treaty yesterday in a step that paves the way for a full accord after more than four decades of formal hostility between the two countries.

The move, achieved with surprising speed, was widely welcomed in Israel and lauded by President Clinton. But it raised concern among Palestinians that Israel and Jordan will co-operate to frustrate hopes for an independent state of Palestine.

"I have no doubt that this day is a historic road sign in the relations of the two peoples," Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said at the Hashimiyeh Palace in Amman, where he and Abdel-Salam Majali, the Jordanian Prime Minister, signed the draft. "Hopefully it is a fresh beginning and a fresh start," said King Hussein of Jordan, who led the overnight talks with Mr Rabin and other Israeli leaders. The talks resolved differences over water sharing and border delineation, the two issues that had divided them.

Mr Rabin said that he hoped the treaty would be signed at the end of next week, and Israeli television said that the ceremony would take place on October 27.

The two countries agreed to launch new projects on the Yarmouk river to increase the flow of scarce waters to Jordan, and have asked the World Bank to finance additional water projects, the official added. David Kimche, the former director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said he hoped the draft treaty would add to pressure on Syria to sign a peace accord with Israel. "I hope this will give a clear message to the Syrians that they are isolated, that no more time should be

lost, and that they should finish their business with us."

In Washington, President Clinton congratulated the King and Mr Rabin on the draft treaty. "These two visionary leaders today resolved that their nations would henceforth live in peace and as good neighbours," he said. "This was an extraordinary achievement that must be welcomed by the friends of peace all around the world."

Palestine Liberation Organisation leaders said they hoped the Israeli-Jordanian draft treaty would not compromise Palestinian efforts to establish an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. PLO suspicions were heightened in August when a joint Israeli-Jordanian declaration recognised Jordan's "historic role" in relation to Jerusalem's Muslim holy sites, which Palestinians saw as a threat to their claims.

"Unfortunately, Palestinian-Jordanian relations are under strain and we hope Jordan was careful not to make any error [in the agreement] in regard to Palestinian rights," said Faisal Hussein, a minister in the Palestinian self-rule authority.

Jibril Rajoub, the Palestinian security chief in the West Bank, added: "I hope the Jordanians will clearly understand the message that we are responsible for the area that includes the holy places in Jerusalem."

In the Gaza Strip, supporters of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, demonstrated and threw stones yesterday at Palestinian and Israeli security forces. PLO forces released from prison about 50 of the hundreds of Hamas activists arrested last week after the abduction and bungled rescue of an Israeli soldier.



A woman screaming after two people were stabbed to death in the Cité Soleil slums of Port-au-Prince, where United States soldiers are still carrying out security patrols after the return of President Aristide

## Alerts over Aristide security bring crowds into streets

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

GRENADES and launching devices were seized from the car of Haiti's army commander when he visited President Aristide in the National Palace.

Thousands of angry Haitians, fearing that an attempt had been made on Mr Aristide's life, took to the streets brandishing sticks and machetes, searching cars at impromptu roadblocks and calling on Mr Aristide to dismantle the military and police. Sunday's incident and subsequent unrest clouded Mr Aristide's return to Haiti after three years in exile and his calls for reconciliation in a speech at a joyous welcoming celebration at the palace.

The US Embassy confirmed that weapons had been seized but did not know what type. Major-General Jean-Claude Duperval was permitted to leave after the appointment, and his weapons were returned after he left the palace.

The incident came as Haitians caught their first close-up glimpse of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, but not exactly as the commanders of the US army

had planned it. As his bullet-proof limousine tried to leave the National Palace, after a short anniversary ceremony to honour the death of the hero of Haitian independence, Jean-Jacques Dessalines, the car was mobbed by a pro-Aristide crowd. Stuck only 20ft outside the gates, in the armoured car lent by William Swing, the US Ambassador, US soldiers and Secret Service agents shielded the windows from the crowd, and the car reversed back through the gates.

Mr Aristide sat in the back of the car smiling, as panicky security agents tried to work out how to get him the short distance through the crowd to the National Heroes Mausoleum next door, to visit the tomb of Dessalines.

Eventually the caravan of cars found a way out of the palace through the back gates as the cheering crowd started to run round the palace to catch another sight of the President. In a brief speech behind a bulletproof shield on the palace steps, he again called for reconciliation in Haiti.



Rabin declared that the treaty signed yesterday was a "historic road sign in the relations of the two peoples"



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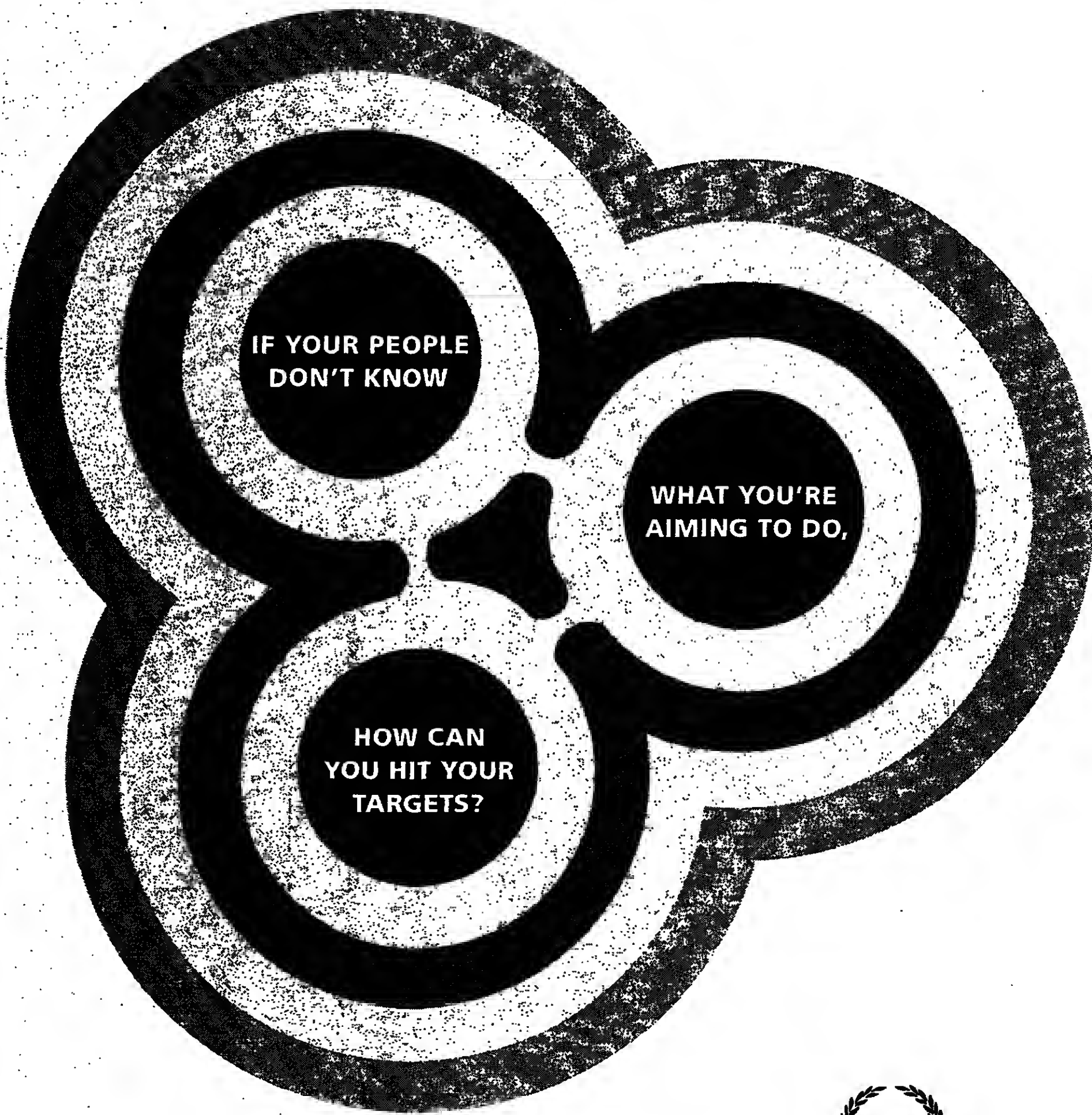
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## The corruption of France: John Laughland concludes his two-part series



Marshal Pétain, leader of the despised Vichy government; and the young François Mitterrand, the ambitious Vichy official to whom Pétain gave his highest award

# Mitterrand's murky war

Francis Mitterrand has always been on the left. He has repeatedly said so. Before the war, he went to demonstrations with the left-wing Popular Front. "Franco and his gang always horrified me". For a Socialist President, his credentials are impeccable.

It is strange, then, that none of his contemporaries remembers his presence on the demonstrations. And that during the war he worked for over a year as an official in the collaborationist Vichy government, and was rewarded for his services by the highest personal honour awarded by Marshal Pétain. And that he also worked on a review, *L'Echo de Paris*, which was broadly favourable to Franco and hostile to the left.

In fact a left-wing bias would hardly have suited either his bourgeois background nor the environment in which

he found himself in Paris. The Popular Front's rise to power before the Germans invaded was a trauma for the bourgeoisie. One of the priests at the hotel at which the young François lodged recalls that "Our students were very conservative, and very hostile to the Popular Front. If some of them hoped for the victory of the Left, they were very few in number, and François Mitterrand was not among them."

As to Mitterrand's war record, his memoirs describe how he was captured by the German army in June 1940 and taken to Germany, where he was kept in Stalag IX A, near Kassel. He made three escape attempts, each more extraordinary than the last. The first time he walked for 22 nights and days and 600 kilometres, only to be stopped near the Swiss border, having made the fatal mistake of walking into a village before nightfall. The second involved

As France reels from a series of political corruption cases, the President's personal history — in particular his wartime record — has come under intense scrutiny: how much of his story can be believed?

a climb over a four-metre-high spilt fence. He got out of the camp, but stayed at a hotel, where he was denounced by the receptionist. Recaptured, he was sent to a transit camp in Metz. Under the noses of German soldiers he disappeared, smuggled himself on board a train, jumped off, was hidden by two old ladies in a *tabac*, and was then taken by car to friends of his sister, Hélène. Then he writes this: "When I returned to France, I joined the Resistance."

He omits to mention that from May 1942 until late 1943 he worked in the Vichy government, as an official in the Commissariat General for Prisoners of War. Moreover, he moved in the highest circles and had good contacts in the entourage of Pétain himself.

Like other politicians who traded on their wartime record to pursue prominent political careers under de Gaulle afterwards, Mitterrand has said that he was an infiltrator for the Resistance. But few infiltrators also published an article in *France*, *Revue de l'Etat Nouveau*, the main anti-Semitic magazine of the Vichy government.

The magazine was founded in 1942 by Gabriel Jeantet, a senior adviser in Pétain's cabinet, and later its director. In December 1942, Mitterrand contributed his article, entitled "Pilgrimage to Thuringia". It is an account of his journey to Germany as a prisoner of war. In it, he describes the beauty of the countryside and the historic grandeur of the towns through which he passes:

Our convoy seemed symbolic to me. In its tragic reality, it marked the consequences of our progressive abandonment of reality. France, by nourishing Europe with her fraternal ambitions, by imposing her warlike ardour, by spreading her blood beyond her frontiers — and for impossible frontiers — had exhausted herself, and I thought that we, the inheritors of these 150 years of errors, were responsible.

The reference to "150 years of errors" is an anti-revolutionary remark usually only found on the extreme right. The Pétainist regime had little time for the ideals of the Revolution, and the heavy emphasis laid on a sense of guilt was a constant preoccupation. (One of Pétain's most

famous slogans was "Francis, remember your sins".) His themes — the cult of the nation, glorification of the family, community spirit, regionalism, the return to the earth — all responded to the emotional needs of a traumatised country.

Many contemporaries of Mitterrand testify to his apparent sympathy for Pétain at the time. One described the future President as "completely right-wing". "Monarchist", says another.

However, the strangest aspect of Mitterrand's career in Vichy is that in late 1943 he was decorated with the Francisque Gallique, a medal bestowed by Pétain as a mark of personal favour for services rendered to him and to France. Recipients had to have satisfied two conditions:

"Before the war, to have accomplished national and social deeds which are in conformity with the National Revolution"; and "Since the war to have a strong attachment to the work and personality of Pétain".

Mitterrand's award, listed in the official journal of the Francisque, was number 2202. He and his defenders have given various explanations: either that the medal was the ideal cover for Resistance agents like himself secretly working against Vichy; or that it was awarded to all members of the Commissariat General, and that it would have been impolite to refuse it; or that he never asked for the medal; or that many other members of the Resistance also received it. Some say that it was not

awarded for his activities in the Commissariat General but that it was simply for having been a prisoner of war.

Some of these explanations are overblown. One journalist has even said that wearing the Francisque was practically proof that one was in the Resistance, and Mitterrand has himself used this tactic. But very few great members of the Resistance figure on the list of holders of the Francisque. Moreover, those members of the Resistance who did receive the medal were decorated before January 1943. Mitterrand, by contrast, obtained it well after that, towards the end of the year, and long after the southern zone of France had been occupied by the Germans.

Mitterrand says that he never received the award because by December 1943, when he says he got it, he was already in London. But there are unconfirmed rumours that a photograph exists of Mitterrand at the award ceremony. And a former supporter of Vichy, Henri Cuitman, used to claim in private that he had received the medal at the same ceremony as Mitterrand. Unfortunately, Cuitman died in the summer of 1993.

The issue has haunted Mitterrand throughout his political life. The first occasion was in April 1945, when the Communist Pierre Verrier attacked him in the National Assembly. Mitterrand at first just denied everything ("All that is false"). He then added that de Gaulle accepted him into the Resistance without qualms, and that this proved that he cannot have been a collaborator.

De Gaulle himself never exploited Mitterrand's Vichy past for political reasons, not even during the presidential election campaign of 1965 when Mitterrand forced him into a second round.

But de Gaulle's followers did not have the same scruples. In 1972, deputies of the Gaullist movement, the UDR, published a communiqué in which they reproached Mitterrand for "having been associated during the Nazi occupation with the actions of the Vichy government".

Other old alliances also continue to haunt Mitterrand — for example his friendship with René Bousquet, the former Vichy police chief, and the man primarily responsible for the deportation of thousands of French Jews to Germany. Bousquet was shot dead in his apartment by an apparently mad assassin in June 1993, two days before he was to go on trial for crimes against humanity.

What the French press failed to mention was that Bousquet was an old political ally of François Mitterrand. The two used to see each other until at least the early 1980s. When Bousquet was released at the Elysée in 1981, Mitterrand declared to a surprised official: "Don't worry. He's an old friend: he's done a lot for me."

The circumstances of Bousquet's death were met with hardly any comment or investigation by the French media. Bousquet's case had taken years to come to court: yet he was killed immediately before he was due to stand trial. The claim that the assassin just rang Bousquet's doorbell and walked into his apartment with a gun in his bag was never questioned.

Professional photographers testified that a contemporary photograph of Bousquet was worth £100,000. If it was so difficult to shoot him with a telephoto lens, it is strange that he could so easily be shot with a Remington 38.

● The Death of Politics by John Laughland will be published by Michael Joseph on October 27 at £18.99.

## Self-pity as a form of protection

A privacy law may be necessary to hide the grim reality of royal life

What would you do if your son's letters from boarding school were as wrenchingly dismal as the ones Prince Charles sent home from Gordonstoun? Would you do as the Duke of Edinburgh did, and simply send bracing replies as though a period of penance in "absolute hell" were merely a useful opportunity for character-building? Or would you take the advice of John Towey, of the Independent Schools Information Service and "be up at that school just as quickly as you can"?

Perhaps *ISIS* would not have given that advice 30 years ago. "Things have changed" has been the organisation's constant refrain in recent years while trying to counter the steady decline in popularity of boarding schools. Just last weekend, while the country was consuming its latest ration of royal revelations, representatives of 350 *ISIS* member schools were parading their wares to prospective purchasers at Olympia and insisting that nowadays "no body, but nobody, could ever have such a rotten time at one of their establishments."

Meanwhile at Charterhouse, where my son went, they were mounting a sophisticated marketing exercise in the form of a thoughtfully revamped old boys' reunion which this time included wives and children too, for whom jam sandwiches and much jollity were provided. He took his Italian wife, who as the day went on found herself shedding all her prejudices about the British habit of treating their children worse than their dogs.

On the contrary, she marvelled at the facilities on display, and decided that this was indeed a privileged education with no trace, so far as she could see, of the traditional "sado-masochism."

To Mr Towey, the Prince's letters home read like "a sad historical account" of school-days as different and as distant as those of Tom Brown. He was, as a fellow new boy later said, picked on "maliciously, cruelly and without respect."

Two years into his sentence the hell was still absolute, he was still being beaten about the head all night with slippers, pillows and fists, still being laid into on the rugger pitch by boys who liked to boast of punching the future King of England, still being ragged about his ears and still finding that anyone who spoke to him was warned off such sucking up by a chorus of slurring noises from the officers. "The people in my dormitory are foul. Goodness they are horrid. I don't know how anyone could be so foul."

I see no evidence to suggest that boys are not still foul, and girls even fouler. Thirty years

don't count in evolutionary terms. It may just be, as the builders of Bath fondly supposed, that more civilised surroundings breed more civilised behaviour, but I doubt it. Mr Towey reels off the changes — more comforts, more exerts, telephones and faxes to keep in touch with home, sympathetic personal tutors, the Children Act, hanging on a minute, the Children Act? Oh yes, I see. Social Services inspections. One somehow cannot imagine the heir to the throne, or any child with his wits about him for that matter, pouring out his troubles to a visiting social worker.

No, I don't think the Children Act would have saved him, though just think what embarrassment it could have caused Buckingham Palace. Imagine the tabloid headlines: "Queen keeps son in torture school."

On reflection, it is hard to think how the Duke of Edinburgh could have devised a better preparation for his son's unique and unenviable future, outside Wormwood Scrubs.

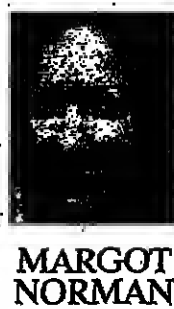
The poor fellow was doomed to be persecuted by grown-up versions of the Gordonstoun bullies for the rest of his days, massed armies of them with long lenses and deadly notebooks instead of slippers and pillows, churning out an unending stream of mischievous misrepresentation and

countless columns of what the prince justly describes as "self-righteous, pontificating, censorious claptrap". (Yes I know, this is me and my colleagues I'm talking about: *nostra culpa*.)

The Duke may have thought his son might as well start growing the extra skins he'd need from an early age, and if he couldn't grow enough of them then even a "layer" of self-pity might be some protection.

The Princess of Wales has often said that asking someone to marry into the House of Windsor was to demand of them impossible sacrifices. The clear implication is that to be born in to it is pretty unbearable too. I mean, what's the point of being Queen if you can't even persuade a newspaper editor to reschedule publication of your son's excruciating memoirs for perfectly sound reasons of state? The reasons for refusing the royal request seem to be that a week's delay in publication would clash with the next royal publishing sensation.

It will clearly be impossible to preserve the monarchy if the monarch's job appears so grim that nobody is prepared to do it. A privacy law designed exclusively to protect the monarchy may after all be the answer — so long as it works both ways. We need protecting from their revelations as much as they need protecting from ours.



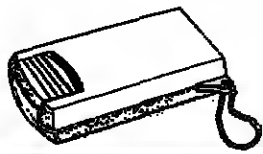
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Hysterectomy is popular with the well-to-do. But less invasive surgery is proving to have more advantages, Dr Thomas Stuttford reports

## A solution for the working woman

A PATIENT from a deprived background is not only more likely to have medical problems but is less likely to do well with treatment. One exception is hysterectomy. A woman's chance, it is said, of losing her womb, is proportional to the size of the car on the gravel outside her house: not for nothing is a hysterectomy known as a gin-and-Jaguar-belt operation.

With increasing prosperity, the hysterectomy rate has increased. One British woman in five now has one, and in Scotland the rate doubled between 1961 and 1984. This increase in hysterectomies is mainly, according to a recent *BMJ* report, the result of greater reliance on surgery to correct heavy unexplained menstrual bleeding, known as dysfunc-

tional uterine bleeding, in women between the ages of 35 and 44.

The death rate during hysterectomy is fortunately very low but there is a significant complication rate at the time of surgery, during convalescence and if hormone replacement therapy is not considered for many years afterwards. Over the past few years more conservative surgery has been introduced to treat dysfunctional uterine bleeding, in which by definition the uterus is not enlarged and has a normal lining. It has been supposed that these newer procedures —

transcervical resection or laser ablation, in which the lining of the uterus is either stripped out surgically or destroyed with a laser — are less likely to cause complications, that the recovery is faster and that return to work is earlier.

A recent trial under the auspices of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary is published in the *BMJ*. It suggests that the type of conservative surgery chosen is immaterial, although a larger investigation into this is contin-



uing. The Aberdeen review confirms that there is an appreciable difference in the complication rate between conservative surgery, whether ablation or resection, compared with that which follows a hysterectomy. Major complications during surgery were over twice as common in those having traditional hysterectomy, and the patients were on average in hospital three times longer. Laser ablation or resection is now being done on a day-care basis.

Those having minimally invasive surgery were only a quarter as likely to need strong analgesics post-operatively, and their post-operative discomfort lasted half as long; on average those women who had the newer techniques were back to normal, and able to return to work, in weeks rather than months. After four weeks 80 per cent of the women who had had the conservative treatment were working, whereas only 15 per cent of those who had had a hysterectomy had recovered. But one in four who had minimal surgery either needed to have

it repeated or needed a hysterectomy.

Dr Sheena Pinion, formerly the gynaecological research fellow at Aberdeen University, says: "These conservative techniques are very useful in treating women with dysfunctional uterine bleeding who are working and who haven't responded to drug therapy. There are other women who can afford time off work and a longer convalescence who will opt for a hysterectomy because they want to be totally rid of their periods."

"Unfortunately there is no way of predicting before uterine ablation, or resection, how soon a woman will benefit in terms of lighter bleeding, or even who is going to be among the fortunate 78 per cent who are free of their symptoms and need no further operative intervention."

## Are X-rays really needed?

There are risks as well as benefits from X-ray diagnosis, argues Dr Kieran Sweeney

If you attended your GP with a back problem and were advised to have an X-ray of the lower back, you would probably think it a good idea. But if your GP advises you that when you had your back X-ray you would receive the same amount of X-ray exposure as if you had had 108 chest X-rays, would you be quite so willing to go? Where there is a concerted effort coming from radiologists to advise general practitioners on more efficient use of X-ray services, there is little effort given to the education of the public in the value and hazards of routine X-rays in general practice.

When our local radiologist is introduced to the new batch of junior house doctors each year, he brings to his talk on X-rays a series of bundles of X-ray cards. The first bundle contains one X-ray card, and he asks the junior doctors to accept that this indicates one chest X-ray. The second pile contains 61 cards. This, he says, is the amount of equivalent X-ray exposure a patient has if you ask for an X-ray of the pelvis. The third bundle contains 385 cards. This is the equivalent amount of X-ray exposure that a patient receives when he or she has a barium enema. By taking the single unit of X-ray exposure as being that of one chest X-ray, he is able to point out to the doctors the equivalent amount of X-ray exposure patients receive when having routine X-rays or CT scans.



X-rays will eventually cede to magnetic resonance imaging scans, which are quicker, safer and more accurate

But does this matter? Is this amount of radiation in routine X-rays harmful? We are all exposed to radiation daily in the atmosphere — in fact, one chest X-ray is only equivalent to three days' naturally accumulated radiation. Of course, excessive exposure to X-rays can lead to tissue damage and indeed death, but the risks, as far as routine X-rays are concerned, remain theoretical as the exposures are kept to a minimum. Although it is almost impossible to assess the risk of damage to any one person having an X-ray, the National Radiological Protection Board, which issues guidelines to doctors on radiation exposure, can calculate approximately how much damage is produced in a population of patients exposed to routine X-ray procedures. While one chest X-ray probably carries a one-in-a-million risk of causing harm, the NRPB has assessed that about 250 fatal cancers are caused each year by ionising radiation from routine, possibly unnecessary, examinations. And if radiologists' guidelines were adhered to, they say, the

number of unnecessary examinations could be halved.

Perhaps what is more important is whether the X-rays are useful in helping to manage a patient's condition. Here the ground becomes much less certain, especially where back X-rays are concerned. Radiologists know very well that an X-ray of the lower back might not tie in with a patient's symptoms, or help the result of the back pain. Many doctors order these X-rays as patients are sometimes concerned that back pain is related to bone cancer. But the chance of finding such unusual features on an X-ray are about 1 in 2,500. What doctors have to consider is not principally whether the doctor is going to damage the patient, but whether the X-ray is going to help the condition.

However, some patients do remain apprehensive about X-ray exposure and this has been one of the blocks to the full uptake of mammograms in the national breast screening programme. Some women are apprehensive about the radiation that they would receive, but it is in fact probably more

dangerous to get to the X-ray department, crossing a busy road than it is to receive the radiation exposure in a single mammogram. As always in healthcare, risks have to be attached to benefits: in this instance the benefits far outweigh the minimal risk.

But what of other professions? Increasingly, patients with back problems are going to chiropractors or osteopaths. Does their use of X-rays unnecessarily expose patients to problems? As far as X-rays are concerned, osteopaths and chiropractors are probably better educated than senior medical students or junior doctors about the value and risks of taking X-rays. Osteopaths in particular do not use X-rays nowadays as frequently as they used to. They rely increasingly on physical diagnosis through clinical examination and palpation.

Fiona Walsh, vice-chairman

of the General Council of Osteopaths, says that one problem for osteopaths nowadays is obtaining X-rays taken on the National Health Service, which they would want to interpret. NHS Trust hospitals are beginning to charge for copies of X-rays, or actually declining to release them.

The British Chiropractic Association is equally meticulous about instructing its members in the safe use of X-rays. Chiropractors must have attended a course which studies in detail the content of the Ionising Radiation Act of 1988. Not only does each chiropractor have to be aware of the hazards in X-rays, but the British Chiropractic Association employs a medical physicist to check equipment that each member of the Association uses, every three years.

The truth is that X-rays remain a fairly blunt instrument as far as accurate diag-

nosis is concerned. In the years to come they are likely to be replaced by new-generation magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines. Patients are already benefiting from MRI scans for problems such as slipped discs and cartilage problems at the knee.

Dr Callum McClean, treasurer of the Magnetic Resonance Radiologists Association, predicts that refinements in the technology of MRI scanning will mean that such scans will be done more quickly and that portable machines, which can be used in casualty departments, may be developed in the not too distant future. MRI scans are much safer than X-rays and are much more accurate in being able to differentiate between different types of tissue — nerve tissue of bone marrow, for example.

Some centres in America are now doing extensive MRI screening in less than two and a half minutes. As the technology becomes more available the price of such machines is likely to fall.

### Fatal cancers can be caused by ionising radiation

## How a scratch becomes an ulcer

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh reports on how a minor knock can turn into an expensive problem for the NHS

Stan was 42. A travelling salesman, he always carried an over-sized briefcase full of shoe polish or dusters. He had some small varicose veins and a patch of eczema on his lower leg. One day, the corner of his briefcase knocked against the leg and produced a superficial, flaky wound. At first Stan ignored it, then he tried a variety of creams and, finally, strapped it up with sticking plaster. By the time he consulted me, Stan's "scratch" had developed into a full-blown leg ulcer which stayed with him, off and on, for the next six years.

The popular image of a leg ulcer sufferer is a housebound old lady receiving regular visits from a district nurse. But in a recent review commissioned by the Department of Health, Nicky Cullum, a research nurse from the University of Liverpool, found that one in five patients develops their first ulcer before the age of 40. In many, earning capacity, leisure activities and self-esteem are severely compromised. But at least 60 per cent of all patients are mobile and could attend clinics.

Dr Cullum found that the majority of ulcers heal rapidly when treated appropriately, but most patients become caught in a continual cycle of ulceration-healing-reulceration. Stan's underlying problem was his varicose veins: valve damage in the deep calf veins had led to pooling of fluid in his foot and ankle.

Although the overlying skin often looks healthy in such circumstances (it is usually warm, fleshy and well-supplied with blood vessels), the blood is slow-moving and of poor quality, with high levels of accumulated metabolic waste and little oxygen.

Most venous leg ulcers begin, as Stan's did, with minor trauma to such an area of poorly nourished skin. Eczema, itching or skin discoloration can precede the ulcer by several years.

New research by Professor Mark Ferguson and colleagues at the School of Biological Sciences, University of Manchester, has shown that it is not just slow-moving blood that prevents a venous ulcer healing.

Microscopically, the base of the ulcer, like that of other chronic wounds, contains a network of tiny blood vessels (capillaries). Normally, capillaries are thin-walled, flexible structures, but the capillaries in a chronic venous ulcer are encased in a thick, stringy material known as an extracellular matrix cuff, which prevents spontaneous diffusion of molecules and cells into and out of the bloodstream, and also prevents the capillary itself from branching out and growing.

One component of this matrix cuff, fibronectin, is known as scaffolding protein because

in ordinary wounds it forms a criss-cross structure across which other skin-forming cells will crawl. Without a basic matrix of fibronectin, new epithelium (skin) cannot develop. In a chronic venous ulcer, the fibronectin is there, but instead of being synthesised across the base of the ulcer, it builds up in a strait-jacket around the capillaries. It is thought that white blood cells accumulating in the stagnant capillary network release unwanted chemical signals (cytokines) which result in the construction of this tangled scaffolding just where it is least needed.

Stan's ulcer problem disappeared

The popular image of a leg ulcer sufferer as an old lady is misleading?



Ulcers can start with a knock against the leg

appeared when he finally agreed to have surgery to his varicose veins. In some patients, surgery is either impossible or inappropriate (depending on the patient's general health and the exact nature of the damage to the veins), and in any case it must be deferred until the ulcer has healed.

The standard medical treatment for venous leg ulcers is graduated compression bandaging — a tight, multi-layered bandage applied from the toes to the thigh, which works by compressing the slack leg veins and making it physically impossible for blood constituents to seep out into the tissues.

In biopsy studies, Professor

Ferguson's team has demonstrated that the matrix cuffs around capillaries at the ulcer base have virtually disappeared after only two weeks' treatment with a compression bandage, and that non-healing of venous ulcers is invariably associated with persistence of the matrix cuffs.

Applying compression bandages properly is a skilled and labour-intensive procedure which accounts for up to a fifth of every district nurse's caseload and about 50 per cent of her time, at an estimated cost of between £1,000 and £5,000 per patient per year. In patients whose ulcers have healed, compression hosiery (tight elastic stockings) would often prevent recurrence, but these garments are notoriously uncomfortable, unglamorous and difficult to apply.

Up to 40 per cent of leg ulcers are not due entirely to problems with the veins. Poor circulation in the arteries of the leg, particularly in smokers, produces a different type of ulcer — a dry, cold, punched-out lesion, often on the foot rather than the ankle. Compression bandaging is of no benefit in such circumstances and may lead to gangrene. Diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and kidney disease can produce ulcers which resemble the venous type, and any ulcer may be complicated by bacterial infection, allergy to dressings or creams, and even skin cancer. For these reasons, all patients should have a full check-up by a doctor or properly trained nurse before submitting to compression bandaging and be reviewed regularly if the treatment fails.

The revolution around the corner in leg ulcer treatment would appear to lie not in a new miracle drug, but in a systematic and adequately funded service of assessment, treatment, education and support for patients with a predisposition to ulcers.

Currently, as many as 50 per cent of patients are never seen by a doctor (many of whom delegate the diagnosis, as well as the bandaging, to their nurses). Yet nurse training in ulcer management is often given low priority, and the frequency of adequate compression therapy in venous leg ulcers is as low as 3.5 per cent in some districts.

Specialist ulcer clinics, run by a multi-disciplinary team of nurses, dermatologists, vascular surgeons and GPs, would undoubtedly raise overall clinical standards and improve the cost-effectiveness of ulcer care.

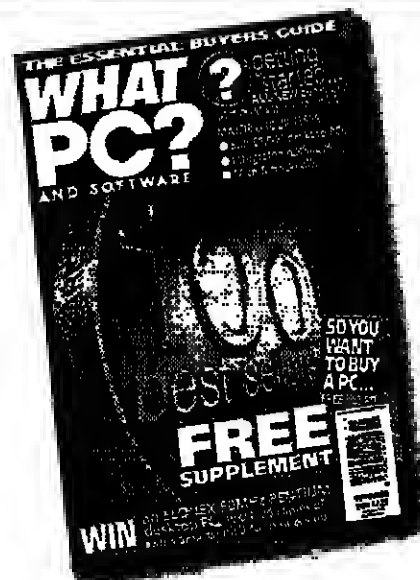
One such clinic in Manchester has recently improved overall ulcer healing rates from 22 per cent to 67 per cent.

No doubt the Government, which stands to save at least half a billion pounds annually, will be analysing these results with a considerable amount of interest.

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Kohl's victory gives Major a headache, says George Brock

## Why Britain must fear a superstate

The sky is darkening over John Major's European policy. Just as the Prime Minister recovers from the annual Euro-sceptic festival otherwise known as the Conservative Party conference, Helmut Kohl wins power again in Germany to become the undisputed kingpin of EU politics for the rest of this decade.

According to Downing Street, of course, John and Helmut are great chums. But even as he signed the telegram of congratulations to the re-elected Chancellor, Mr Major must have been cursing the small number of Germans who tipped the result Herr Kohl's way.

Major and Kohl can both, in the rubber language of politics, be classified as "conservatives". But Herr Kohl now finds himself in a powerful position to push European unification as hard as he can, and he seems to have stopped caring whether or not this keeps Mr Major awake at night. Any political damage the Chancellor may suffer in Germany as he drives towards economic and — he hopes — political union are almost irrelevant. He will not be standing for election again.

The German election and Finnish EU referendum last weekend open several months of political decisions which are bringing the EU's future into clear focus. In spite of his small majority, Kohl can govern with confidence: his Social Democrat predecessor, Willy Brandt, swung West Germany towards *Öspolitik* and its opening to the communist east with a Bundestag majority of similar size. Finland's "Yes" vote means that two of the four states now waiting at the EU's door are definitely coming inside. Austria and Finland are sure to join; Sweden looks a little more likely to do so as a result of the neighbouring Finnish vote. Only the ambivalent Norwegians look truly hesitant.

Swedish and Norwegian voters will give their verdicts on EU membership next month. December's EU summit, to be chaired by Herr Kohl, is designed as a meeting to drive forward Germany's plans to expand the EU eventually to include Eastern Europe. Germany will hand the EU's rotating presidency to France at the year's end. Next May, France elects a President to succeed François Mitterrand, and at present the leading candidates are the Prime Minister, Edouard Balladur, and the European Commission President, Jacques Delors. Neither man is famous for his sympathy for Britain's problems in Europe.

In the middle of next year, a committee of politicians and officials will start to debate the agenda for the 1996 conference, which is scheduled to rewrite the Maastricht treaty. This timetable gives the Tory party opportunities to wrench itself into pieces over Europe once a fortnight for the foreseeable future. Whatever happened to the never-quietly-defined things in Europe

which Mr Major and Mr Hurd used to assure us were "going Britain's way"?

Norman Lamont overstates his case when he says that no evidence exists of trends in Britain's favour. The Government's problem lies in the fact that not enough trends are going Britain's way on the Continent. German political debate revolves around how fast Europe should unite and by what means, rather than whether or not Europe should do so. French Euro-sceptics have cooled their government's enthusiasm for unification, but by no means extinguished it. Integrationists still hold the levers of power in Paris. Italy is rethinking its approach to Europe but wary of being seen in the same corner as Britain. The incoming Scandinavians are unsentimental about federalism but extremely careful to show that they have not been infected by Britain's anti-Brussels mood. The rebellious mood which followed the signing of the Maastricht treaty is fizzling out.

In case anyone was in any doubt, Herr Kohl yesterday emphasised that "German unity as a historical event will be wasted if we don't press ahead in parallel with European unity". That policy starts with France, for events will now be shaped by next spring's presidential vote there. The most up-to-date guide we have to Germany's next moves towards France was issued in the late summer by the leaders of the now-victorious CDU/CSU coalition. The document favours taking a core of five EU countries towards a classical federal state.

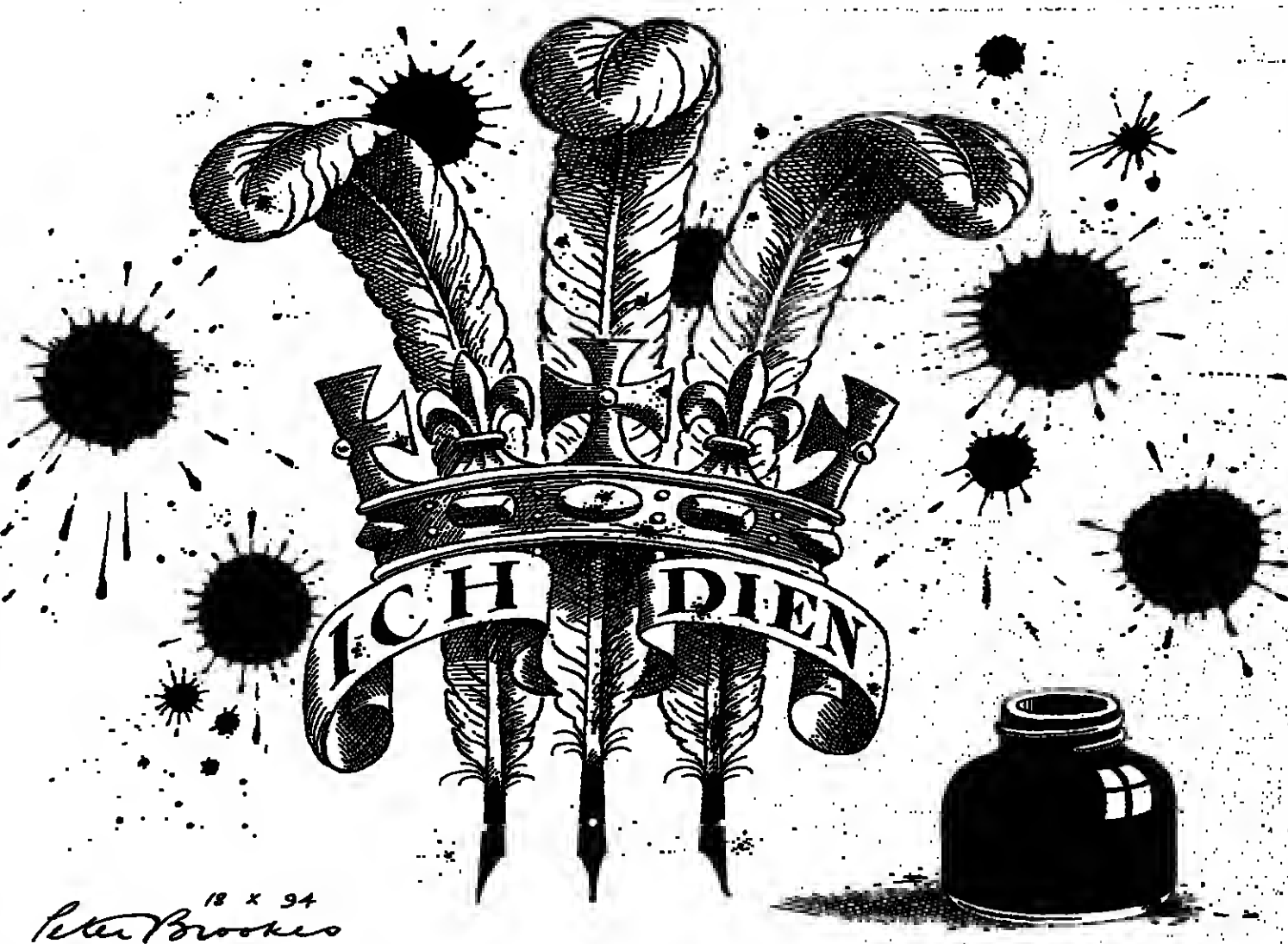
The text is laced with warnings that France, Germany's partner at the head of the EU for decades, cannot indefinitely postpone this. Sooner or later, France must commit itself to a united Europe and abandon its national veto in key EU decisions. The paper makes brutally obvious that there is no possibility that the 1996 conference could be confined to safe topics such as eastern enlargement or shrinking the common agricultural policy.

Germany insists that true economic and monetary union must be accompanied by political union, with decisive powers for the European Parliament and majority voting across the board.

Neither France nor Britain can stomach the idea of developing the EU's infant and discredited joint foreign policy along such lines — let alone the projected European defence policy and army. Mr Major may enjoy some brief moments of *Schadenfreude* as he watches Germany and France's love-hate relationship blow hot and cold over these questions, but almost every conceivable outcome faces the British Government with an unpalatable choice.

The only real consolation for Mr Major is that the same dilemmas will also haunt anyone who might succeed him.

John Major must have cursed the German result



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## Behind Chinese walls

In Tibet, Buddhist monks and nuns are being horrifically persecuted — but why?

When people ask me what I do when I cannot think of anything to write about, I tell them, in my modest way, that that is the only problem I never have. But that is not because I am enormously clever, but because even if the flow of ideas should dry up, there is one subject from which I can always — always — draw sustenance, in the certainty that its fountain will never dry up. It is, of course, man's inhumanity to man.

So, although I have many subjects to write about, I now choose three columns on the subject, starting with this one, to appear on Tuesday 18, *deo volente*, with the other two appearing shortly.

And so, I must first announce that the rape of Tibet continues: the Chinese savages it is clear, will not cease their destruction until that tragic and beautiful land ceases to exist. And still the mystery remains — the mystery, it is of why the savages want to wipe it from the globe and from the memory of mankind. After all, we do not have to wear magic spectacles to see that the Chinese forces have a hundred times the firepower needed to put down any imaginary insurrection from Tibet, particularly because armed resistance on the part of the Tibetans ended many years ago, largely by the persuasion of the Dalai Lama, who will not countenance violence even against his people's oppressors. Yet the Chinese behave as though they were sitting on a mountain of explosives, awaiting every moment the Tibetan tank.

As for the proof that the Chinese do want to see Tibet disappear altogether, we do not need to go so far as Tibet, for the proof is ready at hand in sober print, here.

Two American tourists, Karen and Karl Aders, were interrogated for four days and then deported, after giving a Buddhist monk a cassette of the teachings of the Dalai Lama. They had been given the tape by a Buddhist friend and made three copies before they left. They also brought photographs of His Holiness and gave three of these to other monks. Their tour group was later stopped at a police road-block that had been specifically set up for them. Hear the Aders: "Every day we were forced to go to the police station where we would undergo interrogations, listen to threats and sign statements, saying we distributed political propaganda. Our guide (a

Tibetan) was also interrogated." [God help him when the Aders finally left.] Their passports were confiscated. Their room was searched and the remaining copies of the Dalai Lama tape and photographs were impounded. After days of waiting, the couple were given a police escort to the airport hotel... before being put on the plane back to Kathmandu.

Well, contemplating the lengths the Chinese authorities go to when a pair of obviously harmless tourists give an obviously harmless cassette to an obviously harmless Buddhist, it must truly be madness that the

sight of a peace-loving, gentle, holy and vegetarian monk causes in a Chinese official. For us, he is comical, but what follows is not comical, not comical at all, because lying on my desk there is a document that would freeze the smile off anyone about people who can do remarkable things. In this case, however, it is not really her record, but that of the Chinese authorities in Tibet: Phuntsok Nyidron was sentenced to 17 years as a political prisoner in Drapchi Prison, and so far her record is unlikely to be surpassed. What is more, she was at first sentenced to a mere nine years, but topped another eight. And now I shall tell you what dreadful crime she has committed, to have been so severely punished.

Dogs were set on us while we were naked, lit cigarette butts were stubbed on our faces, knitting needles jabbed in our mouths... kicked in the breasts and the genitals until they were bleeding... made to hang from trees and beaten on bare flesh by electric batons. Containers of human urine were poured over our heads... I was hung up from the wall with my legs up and beaten with electric prods in the genitals and the mouth. After this I could not even go to the toilet.

That was the testimony of Nima Tsamchoe; the above was what she experienced. Or rather, it was some of what she experienced.

Reports of women being raped by cattle prods are numerous. There are also reports of women being attacked by specially trained dogs whilst in prison... Tibetan nuns have been singled out for particularly brutal treatment. They are regularly subject to solitary confinement, which is rare among prisoners in Tibet given the number of detainees that exist. The

soldiers made us show our private parts and told us we were like dogs and pigs... They also forced the nuns to come out naked and prostrate themselves in front of the monks."

Incidentally, this treatment is not for torturing information out of prisoners, not that it would be any less barbaric if it were. But it seems that these horrors are routine in Tibetan women's prisons, and there is another gruesome aspect of what is called (the things I have to know) "gender-specific torture". For these tortures and other sexual indignities are not typical of the experience of male prisoners.

I could go on like this for some time: well, come to think of it, I shall. It is unlikely that many of my readers have heard of Phuntsok Nyidron, but they should have, because she holds a record, and we all like to hear about people who can do remarkable things. In this case, however, it is not really her record, but that of the Chinese authorities in Tibet: Phuntsok Nyidron was sentenced to 17 years as a political prisoner in Drapchi Prison, and so far her record is unlikely to be surpassed. What is more, she was at first sentenced to a mere nine years, but topped another eight. And now I shall tell you what dreadful crime she has committed, to have been so severely punished.

Already she had been, in company with 13 Tibetan nuns, behind bars as a political prisoner, and she, with the other nuns, composed and recorded patriotic songs and poems on a tape-recorder that had been smuggled in to them. These doomsday weapons were enough to have all the nuns' sentences increased by another eight years, thus bringing up the record of 17 for Phuntsok Nyidron. Nor are such sentences particularly rare; for shouting a single forbidden slogan, the average sentence is roughly seven years. And yet those unimaginably brave nuns can say — do say — "Our enemy is our greatest teacher, teacher of

patience and compassion. Imprisonment is our greatest test of faith."

It had better be. But there are two imponderables in this strange and terrible story. One is the brutality of the Chinese savages, and the other is the courage of the Tibetans. And both need elucidation. (Strictly speaking, there is a third: it is the way that almost all of the rest of the world ignores the wickedness of the intruders and the courage with which the sufferers have faced it.)

The first, the apparently pointless savagery against the peaceable people of Tibet may be a long-sighted fear of their own people. The flood towards the cities can hardly be called an insurrection, but that is not the point; it shows that demand for obedience is no longer instantly heeded. Do the rulers of China look that far? They would be wise to. Tiananmen Square is not forgotten, and *ceasefires* might be very different.

As for the people of Tibet and their heroism, it is almost without compare in all history. It is all very well to say that the quietism of the Buddhist faith teaches that one should not raise a hand in anger, let alone strike a persecutor (or, for that matter, knowingly tread upon a beetle); the only comparison I can think of is the persecution of the early Christians.

But remember that before the savages came to Tibet, the Tibetans had had a very long time to study the world and their part in it, and to perfect their contemplation — it is believed that Tibetan Buddhism had taken root in the 7th or 8th century. Such roots not only go deep, but they stabilise what is on the surface — surely, those wonderful temples that the Chinese savages destroyed, had enough time to end time, and would have done so, but for the savages.

One belief — I have never heard a better — is that the Chinese savages know just enough of their own history to know that China was once one of the greatest and most profound civilisations the world has ever held, and that the brutal and brutalised empire that these their successors have made it must at all costs banish the comparisons.

Over the centuries, there have been many attempts to destroy entirely a culture, a set of beliefs, a physical reminder of eternity; many have succeeded in such engulfing. But surely the genocide of Tibet, among all the countless destructions of history, must rank very high in the claims of evil.

## Divorce is better than this

Woodrow Wyatt says Charles has been unwise

When I was 26, Osbert Sitwell asked me if I had killed my father yet — "most important". He wrote reassures, killing his strange, fascinating father. One of Sir George Sitwell's oft-repeated commands was "I must ask anyone entering the house never to contradict me or differ from me in any way, as it interferes with the functioning of the gastric juices and prevents my sleeping at night". After Sir Osbert had written about aspects of his father which disturbed and haunted him, he was relieved of a load on his mind and felt more kindly towards him. I took his advice and wrote some harsh things about my father, of whom I was part terrified (he died when I was 13). Now I feel my early judgments were unfair. After he had described his early strong dislike of his father's attitudes and behaviour and the restraints they put on him, Kingsley Amis, in one of his very best books, *You Can't Do Both*, shows how he came to recognise and honour the strength of his good qualities.

Now that Prince Charles has got off his chest complaints about his father, I am sure he will come to a more balanced appreciation of Prince Philip's remarkable attributes. But for the heir to the throne to parade his strictures on and resentment of his parents is not called for; it should have been left for readers a hundred years' distant. When lesser persons openly disparage members of their families, there are no national consequences, although there may be personal damage. Everyone must wonder at the impact on Prince Charles's sons, who may suffer in secret the same torments as were inflicted on their father by his schoolfellows. Prince Charles came very well out of the long television programme in which, *inter alia*, he frankly told us of his adultery. He should have left it at that.

But has he now irrevocably wrecked his chance of becoming King, if that is what he still wishes? The high probability is that the Queen will reign at least another ten to 20 years, during which things causing ferment now will be forgotten, unless Prince Charles or others close to him stir them up again or create new hazards.

The first requisite is a friend and the force of his marriage. We cannot have another queen, like George IV's Queen Caroline, being driven away from the doors of Westminster Abbey when trying to attend her husband's coronation. George IV failed to persuade the Prime Minister and the House of Lords to give him the divorce he wanted because of his wife's adultery. Since he had five famous mistresses (with one of whom he conducted a form of marriage), 11 other named mistresses plus two others unnamed and numerous brief affairs, this was felt to be carrying double standards too far. Adultery is no longer an essential for divorce. Even mutual incompatibility suffices, and it cannot be denied in this case. The Prince of Wales believes in honesty; he should be honest in ending his desolate marriage quickly.

Undoubtedly the antics and irresponsibility of younger members of the royal family have reduced the respect for some royal individuals; but the institution of monarchy does not belong to them, nor even to our splendid and dignified Queen and her mother. The monarchy as an institution belongs to the people of this country and of the Commonwealth. We want the monarchy because, however illogical, it suits the British temperament. The monarchy was not made or developed for the benefit of sovereigns, who often have a rough time, but for our benefit. It embodies our glorious, up-and-down history; it is the symbol and linchpin of our United Kingdom, and invokes in us a patriotism determined to ensure that Britain will never be a minor nation.

Once thought the Commonwealth was pointless. Now, largely through the work of the present Queen, it has become a unifying force, with a common identity, of great significance to that third of the world's population which was previously in the British Empire. The pleasure and pride its leaders take at Commonwealth conferences, with the Queen as their head, is manifest. Buckingham Palace is a focus which means as much to Nelson Mandela as it does to the inhabitants of these islands: if we became a republic, the Commonwealth would disintegrate, with ensuing loss of stability.

The Duke of Edinburgh, in an interview in *The Daily Telegraph*, put passionately the problem of becoming a republic. "You have an elected head of state... you've got to have a process of elections... The pros and the cons have to form up. A presidential election would be a divisive election too many. The president would either have to wield some power or be the meaningless pawn of the party electing him. He could never be a neutral and generally accepted symbol of our country's past greatness and future. The ship of state would not 'ride on in majesty' as it does today, unique in the world's admiration. Its majesty is not affected if the people and Parliament decide in extremis that the line of direct succession should be diverted in favour of a more suitable sovereign."

## Shadow boxer

DESPITE his impressive self-confidence at the Labour Party conference, Tony Blair is clearly experiencing stage-fright about today's debut at prime ministerial question time as Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition. He has been practising.

A well-placed scout spotted the Labour leader at around five o'clock on Sunday evening — when no self-respecting MP would be found anywhere near Westminster — in the deserted chamber of the Commons. Blair was standing at the dispatch box, gesticulating and talking earnestly to the empty bench opposite, traditionally occupied by John Major.

"At first I thought he had gone mad and was talking to himself," says my man. "But then I saw that Bobby was there. He seemed to be helping him to rehearse." Bobby is, of course, Blair's nickname for the oleaginous member for Hartlepool, Peter Mandelson. And Mandelson was drilling him over the finer arts of intonation. He encouraged Blair to speak more slowly and quietly.

It was not clear whether Blair was wearing stage make-up — he plastered it all over his face for the

TV cameras at Blackpool. But those with their political ears pressed to the ground will be surprised that he still attends Mandelson's sharp-suited school of presentation.

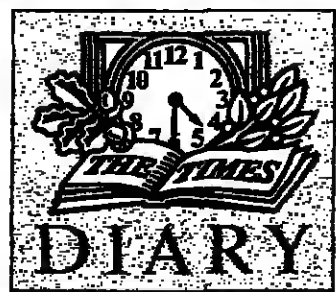
### Lab report

IF DIMBLEBY'S biography is to be believed, the Princess of Wales forced her husband to part with his beloved yellow Labrador because she was jealous of the affection lavished on the mutt.

But thankfully Harvey's final four years were extremely happy. Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Creasy, former controller of Prince Charles's Household and now the feisty secretary-general of the Royal British Legion, took on the dog at the age of ten.

"He was a great old dog — absolutely marvellous. He had been an outstanding gun-dog in his time, but he was getting on a bit when he came to us — he just needed a country home."

Harvey, who was so often at His Royal Highness's side, had the Colonel's other Labrador to keep him company. "They got on great



guns," he reports. And now that Harvey is sleeping contentedly on that great beanbag in the sky, the Creasys lavish their affection on his replacement — a retriever.

Legal ground was broken in Falkirk Sheriff Court yesterday when musical socks worn by a solicitor, Martin Morrow, started playing tunes. Morrow wrestled with them under the table for ten minutes before he could turn them off. Fortunately the source of the noise remained unidentified by the sheriff.

### Lost gem

MARK THATCHER could have avoided the arms-dealing scrapes in which he seems to find himself if he had stuck to a profession he pursued in the late 1970s. Or so his

former boss in the jewellery business, one Anthony Klinger, would have us believe.

Thatcher put in a brief stint at a Manchester jewellery wholesaler, the L.J. Manufacturing Company, owned by a family going by the name of Lepp — Jamie Lepp had been at Harrow with Mark, who rather fancied his sister.

"He was a very good salesman," says Klinger, who would visit the likes of Asprey and Garrard with Thatcher in tow. "If he had kept at it, he could have made his mark. I think it might have been beneficial for him if he had stayed in the business. However, his eyes were on higher things."

### Big help

FORMER Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who offered a casual invitation to the Queen when he dropped into Buckingham Palace in 1989, was oblivious to the excitement caused by her visit to Moscow yesterday. He was collecting yet another peace prize in New York.

Given the growing fissures between Buckingham Palace and St James's Palace, the royal family could have benefited from the advice he offered on accepting the U Thant Peace Award: "All human beings are God's creation, and they

must strive to understand each other and to work with each other."

Gorbachev has given up striving to understand Boris Yeltsin, however. He cannot bear the sight of the man, and diplomatic sources say he preferred to flee to New York rather than watch the Russian President entertain Her Majesty.

### Honky tank

THERE is talk in military circles of an unprecedented rock concert to be held among the tanks at the Imperial War Museum. The band, it is hoped, will be the Rolling

AND YOU SAY HE  
BULLIED YOU INTO  
A MARRIAGE



Stones — admirably suited to veteran audiences, but not quite Dame Vera Lynn.

Plans for the "do" are at an early stage, but a party after a cricket match next May to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Victory Test between England and Australia is being organised by Bill Wyman, former bass player of the Stones. And there are suggestions that he may persuade his former colleagues to perform. "We don't know yet whether the Stones will be in Britain at the time," says a spokeswoman for the band. "But Mick is mad about cricket and I'm sure such a venue would appeal to him."

The event should prove memorable, not least for the cricket match itself. John Major is to captain one side and has been asked to recruit a team. His opposition will be the formidable Bunbury's cricketer charity, probably led by David Gower.

Douglas Hurd misses no opportunity to fly the flag for Britain. He was spotted taking a dip in the pool at Amman's Marriott Hotel in Jordan during his recent tour of the Middle East — sporting a lively pair of swimming trunks covered in Union Jacks.

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## WINNER TAKES ALL

Hopes and fears after the re-election of the German Chancellor

Helmut Kohl will dominate the politics of the European continent for the next four years as surely as he dominated the election campaign which has delivered him a fourth term as German Chancellor. In two years, he will overtake the postwar record set by his mentor, Konrad Adenauer. He has won this election, moreover, not on a wave of national euphoria as in 1990, but because in difficult and uncertain times Germans echo his own self-confident assessment of himself as "a Chancellor for all seasons".

The strains of unification have told on the German electorate, trimming his governing majority to ten votes and the Christian Democrat share of the popular vote to its lowest since 1949. But the existence of these strains served also to underline the degree to which Herr Kohl's personality satisfies both the romantic strand in the German character and the desire for stability after four years of rapid and unsettling change.

Dull his rhetoric may be, and homely his appearance, but he comes over as a man with history on his side: right in his decisive plunge for unification, in his insistence that this could and must be compatible with continued German membership of Nato, and triumphant this year in the symbolic reassertion of German sovereignty as allied troops of East and West paraded out of Berlin. Taxes, which he pledged in 1990 not to raise, may have risen and be set to rise further; but so has his broader political claim on German gratitude. The "unification Chancellor" can claim to have reformed the historical link with Wilhelmian Germany.

For neighbouring states, the German question will thus inevitably be revisited in the century's closing years. Germany's waxing economic power would have assured that outcome even in the event of a Red-Green coalition. Under a strong Chancellor who makes no secret that European unification is his remaining ambition and who appears to hold both Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin in his ample palm, the question takes an inevitably more fearsome form. Herr Kohl constantly cites Thomas Mann's formula, "a European Germany, not a German Europe". Britons can be forgiven their scepticism about whether this distinction holds. Because of Germany's new power and

pivotal geopolitical position at the centre of the continent, Europe will become more "German" — in some respects, benignly so. The Polish welcome for Herr Kohl's fourth term reflects the belief in Central and Eastern Europe that he is a reliable champion of further enlargement of the European Union; and that the weight he carries with Moscow enhances their strategic independence. There is comfort for Britain in Herr Kohl's commitment to free trade; and for America, in his conviction that Germany must play a bigger role in collective security. He radiates predictability.

On the debit side, Herr Kohl has always been impatient of criticism. At home, this is tempered by acute political antennae. More Biedemeier than Bismarck in style, he has demonstrated none of the radicalism of a Reagan or a Thatcher in domestic policy. Indeed, he has been positively Micawberish in his tendency to duck difficult decisions — on the over-regulation of industry, the unpayable social security bill, the doubling of public sector debt since 1990 and even, notoriously, on confronting xenophobic extremists. The need to forge compromises with the Social Democrat majority in the Bundesrat, Germany's upper chamber, will reinforce this instinctive caution. But the more that a slender majority constrains Herr Kohl at home, the stronger will be the appeal of an active foreign policy.

Herr Kohl is both arch-federalist and arch-pragmatist. German voters are increasingly reluctant to surrender more sovereignty, let alone their precious currency, to Brussels. Herr Kohl has taken note. The Chancellor, aware that the hurdles to East European membership are already steep, has begun to champion the decentralisation of power away from the Commission. If he holds to that — which is more in doubt — can be persuaded to temper his ambitions for the European Parliament, John Major may still be able to make common cause with Germany in forging a free trading, free market northwestern axis in Europe. The Chancellor's victory may even improve the chance of achieving that aim. But, as our European Editor suggests on the opposite page, the British path has all the uncertainties of a tightrope walk.

## LABOUR OLD AND NEW

Trade unions have found an excuse for keeping Clause Four

Nobody ever thought that replacing Clause Four of Labour's constitution would be easy. But it may turn out to be trickier than most people had expected. Our industrial editor, Philip Bassett, has found that many key trade unions have the clause (or something very like it) written into their own constitutions. They could therefore have the perfect excuse not to support Tony Blair's modernisation drive at next year's party conference.

It was this problem, among others, which beset Hugh Gaiskell when he attempted to rewrite Clause Four in 1960. Then, as now, there were union leaders who argued that Labour had lost three elections in a row not because it was too left-wing but because it was not socialist enough. And there were others who were sentimentally attached to the goal of securing "for the workers by hand or by brain the full fruits of their industry... upon the basis of the common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange". The alliance of hardliners and sentimentalists is also likely to fall upon the rulebook this time as a useful means of fending off Mr Blair's revisionist challenge.

The modernisers can fight back. They may argue that, just because the stated object of a trade union is to secure nationalisation before breakfast, lunch and dinner, this need not preclude the union's leaders from voting somewhat differently in the Labour Party itself. If, however, the unions determine that their rulebooks will have to be changed in order for them to support Mr Blair at next year's party conference, the scene is set for some bruising

argument. Union activists tend to be more left-wing than their membership.

Our survey today finds that unions wielding 60 per cent of the union vote at conference have such clauses in their rulebooks; unions holding the other 40 per cent contain nothing so explicit. On this question, unlike the election for the leadership of the party, the trade unions still hold 70 per cent of the votes. And individual union delegates are likely, as this year, to vote en bloc the same way as their leaders.

Mr Blair's best tactic would be to appeal over the heads of the union leaders and activists to ordinary members. It was a coalition of party members and trade union levy-payers that voted him into the leadership and gave him the mandate to embark upon a modernising campaign against the wishes of many union bosses. As soon as the party has agreed upon a form of words to replace Clause Four, Mr Blair and his new general secretary, Tom Sawyer, should ballot all party members on the issue and urge trade unions to do the same with their levy-payers. The result would almost certainly be in support of modernisation.

This would achieve two purposes. It would fulfil Mr Blair's pledge to consult the party on this contentious matter. More important, it would set the tone for the union conferences in which Clause Four will be debated next spring and summer. It would put the onus on the opponents of "New Labour" to explain why they are so wedded to the old words; and why they are prepared to vote against the wishes of ordinary members.

## THE FUTURE FOR BOOKS

Libraries can be staging posts on the information highway

Britain's municipal libraries are in danger of missing an opportunity. They have always been a people's path to betterment through books. This they still are. But they could do much more to help those who seek knowledge. In a political climate which rightly demands accountability from those who spend taxpayers' money, their survival depends upon them making this effort.

On the bright, attractive shelves of their great rival, the bookshops, much of the merchandise, particularly among the classics, is cheaper than ever. Supermarkets are coming into the book business too. Most local libraries look dusty and dull next door to competition like this. To anyone who works they can also seem permanently shut. But libraries are lucky. They have skilled advocates. An special inquiry by *The Times* reports today on the findings of a team of experts whom the Government commissioned to advise on the next 50 years of public knowledge. They have produced a sophisticated petition, albeit in draft form, for libraries' continued support from new sources of public, private and European funding.

According to surveys by Aslib, the body that brought the team together, libraries would be missed by the three-fifths of the population which use them. Imaginatively promoted and managed so as to capitalise

on the expertise that their staff hold, libraries could continue to occupy an important social position. They could be information hypermarkets, or even convenience stores, for an age in which dexterity with information is greatly prized.

Figures which show a marked decline in book lending obscure a more complex pattern of library use. Many elderly or housebound people in rural communities, our correspondents report, depend on tiny mobile libraries for companionship and contact, as well as books. For as little as £21,000 a year, they deliver a social service that enriches the lives of the isolated or lonely beyond accountability.

Above all, libraries continue to serve the seekers after knowledge and to democratise it. Knowledge has escaped from the bound pages of books to roam today's technological jungle. And it has expanded beyond the wildest expectations of the librarians of Ancient Egypt, or even of 18th-century Edinburgh, home of Britain's first subscription library. Today's town hall student is just as likely to need to travel the information superhighway as to browse the shelves of the local library. If libraries are truly to provide value for money, librarians must forsake their bookish image and clear a path through this electronic undergrowth.

## Latest twist in the Windsor saga

From Mr George Walden, MP for Buckingham (Conservative)

Sir, Your sister paper *The Times Literary Supplement* carried this week a review of *The Transformation of European Politics* by Paul W. Schroeder, which notes that in 1809, at a critical stage of Britain's relations with the Continent, Parliament spent two months investigating the Duke of York's relations with his mistress.

The author remarks: "One can understand Napoleon's rage and frustration. With all his power, he could not only not bring the British down, he could not even gain their full attention." His conclusion is that this speaks volumes for the stability of British politics.

This time round our royal saga has continued, scarcely interrupted, for several years. There seems no reason why it should ever stop. At this historical juncture I suspect that tells us more about our escapism than our stability.

Yours faithfully,  
GEORGE WALDEN,  
House of Commons,  
October 17.

From Mr P. R. Hunt

Sir, I have discussed education with the Prince of Wales — in particular Timbertop, the outdoor-training school which he attended in Australia. He is wiser than all the headmasters with whom I have discussed the subject. He is close to being a "philosopher king". He wishes the truth to be known and this is why he has authorised the publication of Jonathan Dimbleby's biography.

Do not all of us Britons crave the truth which is in such short supply today from police, press and politicians?

Yours faithfully,  
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From Mr Brian D. Keighley

Sir, It is obvious to anyone who has had to endure the public posturing of all the major political parties at their recent annual conferences that honesty, courage and integrity are rare qualities in modern Britain.

It is therefore refreshing and reassuring to read extracts from a book which reveals that, despite the flaws, such qualities are present in abundance in the heir to the throne.

Yours faithfully,  
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From Ms June Preston

Sir, Whatever Prince Charles may feel about his father's attitude to him as a child, I think he and other members of the royal family could have learned a great deal by listening to the words of wisdom uttered by Prince Philip which were reported on the news today: "We do not discuss private matters."

Yours etc,  
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From Mr Adrian Tester

Sir, As Oscar Wilde wrote in *A Woman of No Importance*: "Children begin by loving their parents; after a time they judge them; rarely, if ever, do they forgive them."

Yours faithfully,  
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Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.

## Children's oral health

From Dr Sonia Williams

Sir, On October 7 your obituary column paid tribute to the life of Professor Donald Court. His important contribution to the health care of children as chair of the Committee on Child Health Services resulted in the publication of *Fit for the Future* in 1976. It was noted that the "Court report" had brought about the most radical change in the medical care of children seen this century, and that less than 20 years later virtually all the report's recommendations have been implemented.

Regrettably, there are certain omissions. Chapter 13, "The path to dental health", included recommendations for the establishment of consultancies in paediatric dentistry, with a starting phase to be at least one in each region. These consultancies are responsible for the organisation of highly specialised oral health care for children including those with complex medical, physical or emotional disadvantage.

Unfortunately, some health regions are still without the necessary expertise, including East Anglia, Oxford and Wessex. In those regions where such appointments have been made, one consultant may provide cover for as many as one million children.

It is important that these deficiencies are recognised and remedied at the earliest opportunity if disadvantaged children are to become *Fit for the Future*.

Yours sincerely,  
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## Lessons from the Tory conference

From Mr Lucas Mellinger

Sir, With reference to Mr Major's pledge to double British living standards in the next 25 years, your Economics Correspondent (report, October 15) asks the rhetorical question: "Does Mr Major mean that today's two-car family will become a four-car family? Or... that we will all earn twice as much as we do now, which... implies that inflation is not dead."

Why do economists not realise that "standards" refer primarily to the quality of life, not to percentages of growth?

The same day, your Political Editor properly summarises the main points of Mr Major's pledge relating to sport, nursery education, stability in the classroom and in crime-hit areas. All these are qualitative not quantitative aims. And I, for one, would be delighted with the stated intention to improve British living standards. The difference between 1.75 per cent and 2.6 per cent of growth is meaningless to me and, I imagine, to most.

Yours faithfully,  
LUCAS MELLINGER,  
4 New Green, Richmond, Surrey,  
October 15.

From the Chairman of the Freedom Association

Sir, If he is unable "to carve out the right position for Britain in the right sort of Europe", the Prime Minister tells us that at the 1996 pan-European constitutional conference he will "just say No".

Having watched over 22 years the power of our judiciary, that of the executive, of the Westminster Parliament and of the Prime Minister himself, being handed away in chunks to the EEC, the EC and today the EU, only the unconsulted electorate now

have the ultimate ability to say "No". With the net contribution to Brussels for the Irish, Greek, Spanish and Portuguese economies and for the French and German farmers doubling to £68 million a week by 1996 (enough to increase the old age pension here by £7 a week) and the spectre of the noose of a single currency, a referendum would produce a resounding vote for restoring our self-governance.

Affecting far more than the 9.8 million OAPs is the fact that the cost of subsidising the common agricultural policy has forced food prices for the average family of four to a crippling £28 a week above world market prices.

As with the summit of Everest in 1953 or the four-minute mile at Oxford in 1954, it is being first which counts. Victory at the next general election now depends on a referendum pledge — will Mr Major or Mr Blair jump first? He who jumps second will be unelectable.

Yours faithfully,  
NORRIS McWHIRTER, Chairman,  
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35 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1,  
October 15.

From Mr Roderick Tyler

Sir, Whether Rab Butler's promise of doubling British living standards was realised in 25 years, as the Prime Minister believes, or 30 years, as Janet Bush demonstrates (October 15), it was achieved by pursuing policies — under Eden, Macmillan, Home, Wilson, Heath and Callaghan — which Lady Thatcher and the Prime Minister have anathematised.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Legal aid cuts

From the Chairman of the British Legal Association

Sir, Your editorial, "Society and solicitors" (October 5), draws attention to the conflict of interest in the Law Society being both a regulatory and disciplinary body and also a trade union for its members.

The British Legal Association has always drawn attention to this dilemma and continues to press for the Law Society to drop its trade union role. For the last 30 years the association has represented thousands of high-street solicitors. It has taken an active part in the profession's dealings with government on controversial legislation and with bodies set up to investigate solicitors' work such as the Royal Commission on Legal Services and Criminal Justice. It has also represented solicitors appearing on disciplinary charges through the Solicitors' Defence Agency.

Unfortunately, you continue to disclose your support of the current Lord Chancellor in his attempts to cut legal aid. You did not mention his refusal to reverse the cuts when last year's legal aid expenditure fell sufficiently short of estimates. The vast majority of legal aid practices are struggling to survive on non-existent profit margins, and face irrelevant government measures such as franchising and fund-holding. How can costs be reduced in the presence of such obstacles?

Yours faithfully,  
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Chairman, British Legal Association,  
2 Princess Way, Swansea,  
October 10.

From Mr M. L. King

Sir, You might have pointed out in your leading article that the legal profession put an unanswerable alter-

native case to the Lord Chancellor as to how his required saving to the legal aid fund could be achieved. This was almost totally ignored, as a result of which the availability of legal aid to those who cannot otherwise afford justice has been considerably eroded.

Perhaps you could apply the main thrust of your article to your own industry, which has been assiduous in attempting to preserve self-regulation, one element of which, to quote from your article, is "to ensure that the profession is manned by practitioners of integrity". Patently the press has failed to do this. This country needs a strong and independent legal profession as much as it needs a strong and independent press, and solicitors as well as the press should welcome the yardstick as being "integrity" and "professional skill".

Whilst not necessarily advocating a return to fixed-scale fees for conveyancing, I am old enough to remember that the one thing which was achieved by this was that the people who were good at the job justifiably got most work. There is little doubt now in this "shop-around, cheapest is all-important" mentality encouraged by consumer organisations and the media that on the whole the people who charge the least, irrespective of competence or quality, get most of the work. Some might take the view that the consumer emerges second-best in these circumstances above all.

Solicitors have traditionally compensated clients in areas where other professions have not. Costs could be reduced by, for example, abolishing the compensation fund, but this would clearly not be in the interests of the consumer.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Making waves

From Dr Alistair G. Dawson and others

Sir, Mr Christopher Pearman, who points out (letter, October 14) that we need a new English word for "tidal wave", should settle for the correct universal term from the Japanese, *tsunami* (literally, "harbour wave").

The earthquake origin of *tsunami* is well-established, but a new mechanism which affected the coastline of Britain (and elsewhere) has recently been recognised in coastal deposits produced by a tsunami caused by one of the world's largest underwater sediment slides in the Norwegian Sea, some 7,000 years ago. This produced waves of up to a maximum of 10 metres in height in the Eastern North Atlantic region and caused extensive coastal flooding.

Since the past is the key to the future, the European Union is funding research to assess the magnitude, timing and location of past *tsunamis*, in light of, for example, the coastal nuclear power stations close to sea level in Europe.

Yours sincerely,  
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## Examining examiners

From Dr A. J. Woodthorpe

Sir, Your editorial of October 12 posed the question "Who examines examiners?" The answer is simple: the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority (SCAA), the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and, ultimately, the many thousands of schools which enter candidates for GCSE examinations each year.

SCAA and Ofsted observe each stage of the question-setting, marking and grade award process to ensure that each is conducted in accordance with the mandatory code of practice. Schools have the right to inquiries about their results, access to the groups, or boards, appeal mechanisms and, finally, access to the Independent Appeals Authority for School Examinations. IAAE, in its last published report, expressed confidence in the running of the examinations and concluded that candidates, parents and schools can expect fair treatment from the system. In 1993 there were 4,968,634 entries for GCSE and IAAE heard five appeals.

The groups are open to scrutiny, as demonstrated by the Latimer case, and it is unfortunate that your editorial failed to recognise the successful challenge to an examination board as a strength of the GCSE system, using it instead to criticise the most closely monitored examination in the UK.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Cathedrals facing threat to standards

From Mr Richard Cross

Sir, The urge to centralise, introduce state management techniques and meddle generally with working historical foundations has clearly overwhelmed the Archbishops' Commission on Cathedrals, chaired by Lady Howe ("Bishops urged to end cathedral jobs for life", report, October 12). The cathedrals are solvent, so in a meaningless calculation the commissioners note a deficit "if the benefit of legacies and appeals is excluded". How would the whole Church's finances appear without such gifts?

One cathedral loses money on one project and the bishops spot the chance to seize the glistening prize of control, historically denied them. Without adding to their empires, one would think that their lordships would be better focusing their energies on the grave deficiencies in their dioceses for which they are already responsible. Parishes may close, face insolvency, disrepair and provide lamentable services for dwindling numbers, but cathedrals do not.

In the language of a meddling bureaucrat the report acknowledges the successes of the cathedrals but says that they are "rather an incoherent pattern of institutions". Lincoln's solitary loss of £50,000 can be set beside the centralised "coherence" of the Church Commissioners and the multi-millions they lost in property ventures.

Worst of all, cathedrals face being burdened in time and money with hordes of chattering committee types, of which Lady Howe is a standard-bearer, sitting on new "greater councils" and feeding off voluminous minutes and reports. The replacement of lead and stone must wait as money is diverted to pay for "lay administrators", and, doubtless, their cars.

The commission would like bells to be rung more. This report should set alarm bells pealing as the deans and chapters prepare to fight off a foolish attack.

I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,  
RICHARD CROSS,  
Greenwood,  
Bickley Park Road, Bickley, Kent,  
October 12.

From the Secretary of the MSF Clergy Section

Sir, The proposals put forward by the Archbishops' Commission under Lady Howe will cause a widening of the already yawning gulf that is opening up within the Church of England. It is a gap that has on one side those dedicated to the "modernisation of the Church at all costs", and on the other side clergy struggling to cope with partial and selective imposition of modern standards in secular employment.

Clergy in ministry either at parish or cathedral level are badly placed to stand such changes. Cathedral clergy (like those in parish ministry) will increasingly be in need of a professional union to represent them in the new regime. The MSF Clergy Section, launched last month (report, September 15), is already up and running and doing business. We are taking an active interest in all these proposed changes to clergy conditions of service and will respond with our considered views in due course.

Cathedral clergy who are concerned at these developments would be wise to consider their representation rights and would be welcome in this section.

Yours sincerely,  
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October 13.

From Dr Eric Leigh

Sir, The latest report on cathedrals appears to offer an opportunity to those who wish to diminish still further the musical heritage of the Anglican Church. The ominous phrase "a musical and liturgical rapprochement between the cathedral and the rest of the diocese" points the way to more "rares in the nave" and the inclusion into cathedral worship of the tawdry music now so frequently heard in parish churches.

Present standards of cathedral music are as high as they have ever been and it seems regrettable that excellence is to be unsettled and undermined by the promotion of mediocrity.

Yours faithfully,  
ERIC LEIGH,  
2 Charlotte Drive,  
Kirby Cross, Essex,  
October 14.

## Scales of justice

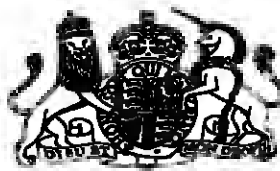
From Mr Nicolas Barber, JP

Sir, I find it interesting that 96 per cent of the judiciary (letter, October 13) have a public school and Oxbridge background. Yet the magistracy, who come from all backgrounds (and at least 40 per cent are women), hear approximately 96 per cent of criminal cases.

Yours sincerely,  
N. G. BARBER,  
Wethered Manor, Sedgford,  
Hunstanton, Norfolk,  
October 12.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.





## COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
October 17: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning for the State Visit to the Russian Federation.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received at the airport by the Earl of Airlie, KT (Lord Chamberlain). Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Greater London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall, KG), Mr Alexander Kudinov (Minister-Counsellor, Russian Embassy), Dr Brian Smith (Chairman, British Airports Authority) and Mr Michael Roberts (Managing Director, Heathrow Airport).

The following are in attendance: the Rt Hon Douglas Hurd, MP (Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Mrs Hurd, His Excellency Sir Brian Fall (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Russian Federation) and Lady Fall, the Duchess of Grafton, Lady Dugdale, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Major General Sir Simon Cooper, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr Charles Anson, Surgeon Captain David Swain, RN, Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Major James Patrick, Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis and Mr John Sawer.

The Prince Edward and The Princess Royal, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of the Queen, held a Council at 12.10pm.

There were present: the Rt Hon Anthony Newton, MP (Lord President), the Viscount Cranborne (Lord Privy Seal), the Rt Hon Douglas Hogg, MP (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and the Rt Hon Roger Freeman, MP (Minister of State, Ministry of Defence).

Mr Nigel Nicholas was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Anthony Newton, MP, had an audience of their Royal Highnesses before the

Council. Lady Dugdale has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to the Queen.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
October 17: The Prince Edward, Chairman, International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this evening attended a Dinner given by the Anglo Mauritian Association at the Royal Over-Sea League, St James's Street, London SW1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
October 17: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this afternoon attended the Annual Equestrian Awards Ceremony, Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London, W1. Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President of the Patrons, later attended the launch of Crime Concern's "Safer Cities: Partners in Crime Prevention" Programme, Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1. Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
October 17: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon opened the Society's Tibbly Children's Project, Dock Road, Tibbury.

Her Royal Highness was received by Mr John Norris (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Essex), The Hon Mrs Whithead was in attendance.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Reception and a Performance by Opera Interglades, given at The Fishmongers' Hall, London, EC4, in aid of the Friends of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

## Birthdays today

Sir Tim Bell, advertising executive, 53; Lord Clark of Kempston, 77; Professor Tim Clark, dean of pulmonary medicine, National Heart and Lung Institute, 59; Lord Cooke of Islandreagh, 74; Lord Elton-Thomas, 48; Mr Sam Galbraith, MP, 49; Professor H.C.A. Hankins, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Umeå, 64; Lord Kinball, 66; Miss Marion Navarrete, tennis player, 38; Sir James Narsay, QC, HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 62; Sir Joseph Pope, former Vice-Chancellor, Aston University, 80; Dr Kate Pryor, principal, Honerton College, Cambridge, 49; Lady Saloun, 64; Mr Michael Stich, tennis player, 26; Mrs Mary Symes, first woman coroner, 82; the Earl of Tankerville, 38; Mr Dick Taverne, QC, former MP, 66; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Tilly, 66; Vice-Admiral Sir James Willis, 71.

## Lecture

**Byron Society**  
Professor Anne Barton of Trinity College, Cambridge, delivered a lecture to the Byron Society last night at the Byron Institution of Great Britain, Lord Byron, president, and Mr Michael Foot, a vice-president, also spoke.

## Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School

A Memorial School will be celebrated at the School for Sir Allan Davis and all deceased Old Vaughanians on Tuesday, November 22, at 7.30pm. All Old Vaughanians and Friends of the School are invited. Old Boy Priests are invited to celebrate. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

## Professor Eila Campbell

A celebration of the life of Professor Eila M.J. Campbell will be held in central London on Wednesday, November 16, at 4.00pm. Those wishing to attend should inform Professor Peter Campbell, 6 Tregaron Court, 37 Eastern Avenue, Reading RG1 3QX (or fax 0734 738333) by November 2.

## Mr George Thornton Hesketh

A Memorial Service for Mr George Thornton Hesketh will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Monday, November 14, 1994, at 5.00pm.



John and Janette Bellamy, who work with Pat Barry, right, at the sports centre he runs in Weaverham

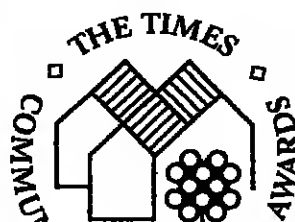
## Village bobby creates sports centre

By JOHN YOUNG

DURING his 13 years as the village bobby in Weaverham, Cheshire, Pat Barry surprised his superiors by repeatedly refusing the offer of a patrol car, preferring to police his beat by bicycle or on foot.

Since he retired last year, he can afford to be gently critical of younger members of the force who "like to race around in their Pandas and need a can opener to prise them out".

There is, however, no malice in Mr Barry, only a belief in the social importance of the community policeman. In that role he became closely involved with young people and was made aware of the lack of leisure facilities. Although still designated a village bobby, Weaverham has about 8,500 inhabitants, many of



whom work in the Deeside chemical plants or commute to Liverpool or Manchester. "I did a lot of work with the local youth club but there was really very little for young people to do except play darts and the one-armed bandits," Mr Barry recalls.

"I was on good terms with the parish council and, through my daily contact with local people, I was able to ask them what the village

needed most and what they would like to see."

There was strong support for a sports centre, and in 1983 Mr Barry suggested applying to take over a school building which was about to close. However, the local authority decided to reopen it as a school for children with special needs.

At first, support for his project came from the football pools-sponsored Foundation for Sport and the Arts, and subsequently from the Sports Council, the Football Trust and Vale Royal Borough Council. A new building, designed by Brian Giles, an architect in Warrington, was completed last December at a cost of £425,000, of which £50,000 was raised by local people.

The bright and spacious building has a sports hall used for badminton, volley

ball, basketball, five-a-side football and bowls and also for stage shows, lectures, concerts, dances and discos. There is also a lounge which seats up to 60, a small bar, a creche and an all-weather outdoor playing pitch.

Although initially intended for young people it is used by all age groups and is already self-financing. Having seen his dream realised, Mr Barry now runs the centre full-time without pay and is delighted that his village policeman successor uses a room in the building as his office.

□ **The Weaverham Sports Community Recreation Centre** has been shortlisted for the 1994 Community Enterprise Awards, organised by Business in the Community and sponsored by The Times and *Touche Ross*. The winners in the six categories will be announced next month.

## Dinners

**Order of St John of Beverley**  
Mr Brian Hanson, Registrar and Legal Adviser to the General Synod of the Church of England, presided at a dinner of the Order of St John of Beverley held last night at the United Oxford and Cambridge Club.

**Cardiff Business Club**  
The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir David Pugh, and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor J.R. Phillips, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff last night. The Guest Speaker was Mr David Rowe-Beddoe, Chairman and Head of Group Legal Services, Standard Chartered, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Sea League held last night at Over-Sea House, St James's, Mr Neville Münchholz presided.

**The Saints and Sinners Club**  
Mr Brian Nicholson, Chairman of the Club and Mr Graham Downson, Chairman of the evening,

presided over the annual "White-bell Dinner" held last night at the Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich together with members of the Club and their guests. Principal guests included: Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Baroness Bathurst, Lord and Lady Harris of Greenwich, Lord Chapple, Earl and Countess Ferrers, Mr Harry Lewis and Dame Vera Lynn, Lord Parkinson, Sir David Peel, MP, and Mrs Stephen Topping, and Lord and Lady

## Meeting

**Royal Over-Sea League**  
Mr Martin H. Hayman, Group Secretary and Head of Group Legal Services, Standard Chartered, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Sea League held last night at Over-Sea House, St James's, Mr Neville Münchholz presided.

## Conservators reveal secrets of their trade

By DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE national museums on Merseyside are planning to open Britain's most ambitious conservation studio, a £7.2 million centre in which the public will be able to watch and talk to conservators restoring works of art.

From next autumn, visitors will be invited behind the scenes into an interactive studio. Cameras will, for example, be positioned to enable the public to look down microscopes and see exactly what the conservators are looking at. Computer programmes will allow visitors to play conservator and experiment with materials and methods, and cleaning techniques, from solvents to air abrasion, will be demonstrated.

The National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside (NMG), whose seven institutions together boast one of Britain's finest collections, are creating a conservation centre in a Grade II listed Victorian warehouse in the heart of Liverpool — the former Midland Railway goods offices, which was most recently a car park.

The project, linked closely with curatorial projects at the museums, will be welcomed by those who criticise the over-restoration of works of art in some institutions. Jim France, keeper of conservation, said

that through this centre, the NMG collections can be made more accessible. The studio will be as relaxed as it is informative.

A typical restoration project might be an Egyptian granite sarcophagus of the 19th dynasty, which the NMG has just restored after two years' work. Mr France said that it was blown to pieces during the Blitz when an incendiary device set fire to the Liverpool Museum. The conservators have put it together again. Once the conservation studio opens, the public will find out how these artistic jigsaw puzzles are solved.

But the centre is for the benefit of the collections themselves as well as the public. In 1978, it was estimated that it would take 6,000 man years' work to conserve and stabilise the Liverpool Museum's collections alone; and in 1989, it was said that 60 per cent of all NMG collections (including 1 million archive items, 2,500 pictures and 20,000 ethnographic items) required conservation treatment.

About £1 million of the centre's cost has been raised from the private sector. Some £3.3 million has come from the Department of National Heritage, and £50,000 from the Getty Fund. A further £500,000 is needed.

## Forthcoming marriages

**Mr L.P. Daniel and Miss R. Serrelli**  
The engagement is announced between Louise Fiers, son of Mr and Dr Reginald Daniel, of Loughborough, Essex, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Giuseppe Serrelli, of Ilford, Essex.

**Mr B. Hurst and Miss E.J. Wooley**  
The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Mr Bernard Hurst and the late Mrs Edna Hurst, of Chester, Cheshire, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Grenville Wooley, of Rainhill, Merseyside.

**Mr D.P.J. Thomas and Miss F.M. Tukhrami**  
The engagement is announced between Dominic Peter Jocelyn, son of Mr Timothy Thomas, of Maidens Green, Berkshire, and Mrs Gerard Dent, of Nantgarth, Dyfed, and stepson of Mrs Timothy Thomas and Mr Gerard Dent, and Fleur Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Freddie Tukhrami, of Kingsley Green, West Sussex.

**Mr T.J. Kelham and Miss S.L. Moss**  
The engagement is announced between Trevor James, son of the late Mr William Kelham and of Mrs Margaret Kelham, of Colwick, Nottingham, and Simone Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Moss, of Guernsey, CI, and Tequesta, Florida.

**Mr H.G.H. Mackenzie and Miss C.Y. Ockendon**  
The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs A.G.B. Mackenzie, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Chantal, daughter of Wing Commander C. Ockendon, of Blandford, Dorset, and Muriel F. Bechet de Balan, of Douzy, France.

**Mr P.M. Tripp and Miss D.E. Chandler**  
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Tripp, of Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Dani, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Chandler, of Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire.

## Anniversaries

**BIRTHS:** Luca Giordano, painter, Naples, 1632; Prince Eugene of Savoy, soldier and statesman, Paris, 1665; Richard (Beau) Nash, master of ceremonies at Bath, Swansea, 1874; Giovanni Antonio Canaletto, painter, Venice, 1697; Pierre Choderlos de Laclos, soldier and writer, author of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, Amiens, 1741; Thomas Phillips, portrait painter, Dudley, Worcestershire, 1770; Thomas Love Peacock, writer, Weymouth, 1785; Emanuel Shiner, Lord Shinnell, statesman, London, 1894.

**DEATHS:** Jacob Jordans, painter, Antwerp, 1678; Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston, British Minister 1835-38 and 1859-65; Brockton Hall, Hertfordshire, 1865; Charles Babbage, inventor of the adding machine, London, 1871; Charles François Gounod, composer, St-Omer, France, 1893; Thomas Alva Edison, inventor, West Orange, New Jersey, 1931; Frank Woolley, England and Kent cricketer, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1978.

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## BIRTHS

**AL THIAN** - On October 12th, at the Westminster Hospital, a beautiful baby.

**BAHMAN** - On October 15th, at the Lido Hotel, a daughter, Sophie.

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**CAVAGH** - On October 11th, at the Lido Hotel, a daughter, Sophie.

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"Cars these days are all reliable and perform well but styling can still be individual and show the personality of a manufacturer. We are seeing that returning now."

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), organising its seventieth British motor show, must be breathing a sigh of relief that the show cars promise the sort of glamour and excitement that has been sadly missing for the past decade.



How do cars make it from model to reality? Ian McAllister, Ford UK's chairman, says: "It has taken four years to get to this point. If we were going to build the Ka, running our viability programme. In other words, we have the idea for the car and how it will look, but from there we have to decide how we will produce it in the most economical way."

"Question one is do people like the vehicle? Question two is the price level at which we want to sell it and then we can ask how we can bring the manufacturing price down to the point that allows us to make and sell it at a profit."

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the president of BMW's American design house, says: "Man is curious and concept cars allow manufacturers to tweak that curiosity and to gauge where the company and consumers may want to be in the future."

There is more to it. The Vauxhall Tigra 2 plus 2 coupe is in production and on sale next month only a year after first being exhibited as a concept. And Ford has just announced that its Ka microcar, a concept only seven months ago, will be in production within three years at the rate of 250,000 a year.

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A methodical approach is needed to locate new vehicles. **Eric Dymock** reports on the best of the show

## Look, great designers at work

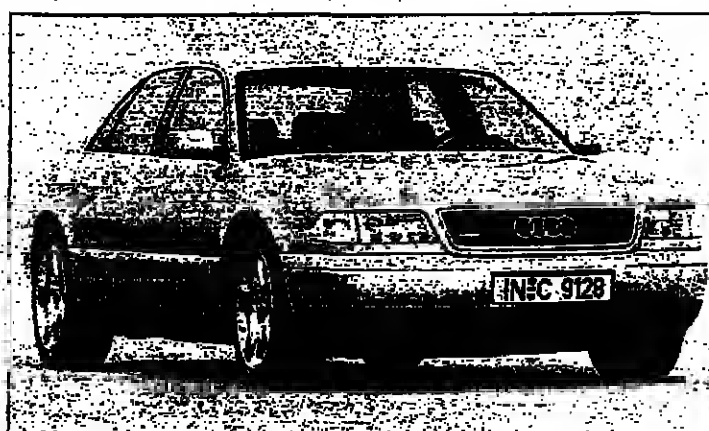
To see all the cars on view, you should get a plan of the stands and devise a route through the five halls grouped around the central piazza behind the main entrance.

A methodical approach is needed to locate the new cars. On the left of the entrance, Hall 1 accommodates Vauxhall, Alfa Romeo, Maserati, AC, Hyundai, Aston Martin, Lotus, Seat and Lexus-Toyota. Alfa Romeo is essential viewing. The GTV coupé and Spider — stars of the Paris Salon two weeks ago — were jointly styled by Pininfarina and Alfa's own designers. The execution is exquisite and the effect startling. It will use Alfa's new-generation twin-spark four-cylinder or 12-valve V6 and prices will start at £17,000 for the GTV Coupé

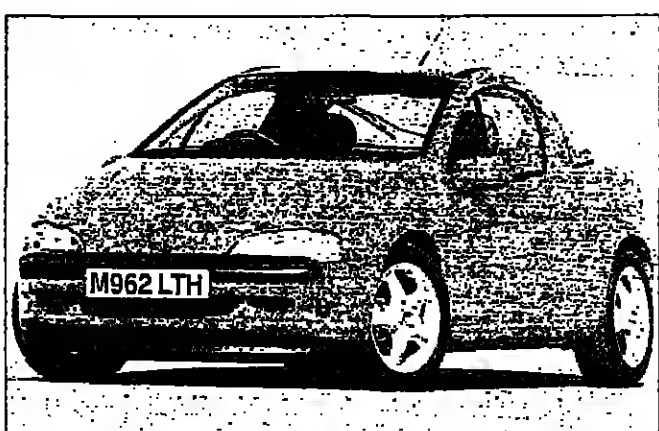
when it comes here late in 1995, with the coupé £4,000 dearer.

The Vauxhall Tigra, on sale next month, was previewed as a prototype at the Frankfurt motor show last year. There will be two models, a 1.4i and 1.6i based on the worthy but rather dull Corsa. Prices are competitive at £10,995 to £12,995 but the ride is turbulent and there is not much room in the back. Like the Alfa, it is a styling success with a distinctive appearance.

Among Rover, Land Rover, Volvo, Reliant and Ginetta in Hall 2, the celebrity has to be the new Range Rover, plainly styled, more luxurious than ever, a technical masterpiece, but far removed from the agricultural implement of 1970. It now runs on air springs and its anti-lock



The masterpieces, from left: Audi's spectacular aluminium A8, Ford's controversial Scorpio — well worth a look — and Vauxhall's Tigra, which goes on sale next month



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Turbo S at prices not far short of £150,000. Saab has put GM's V6 engine in the 9000 where it seems a better fit than it does in the new 900 introduced two years ago. Porsche has a new 911 Carrera 4 — billed as the intelligent four-wheel drive Carrera — and the

first fingertip-control Tiptronic transmission Peugeot, a saloon version of the family 306 beside its 101 electric concept car.

Hall 4 houses — clockwise about the piazza — Citroën, BMW, Daihatsu, FSO, Skoda, Proton, Honda and Ford. Among the significant newcomers is the BMW Compact, a new entry-level 3-series at £13,350 with all the customary BMW features including a three-year warranty. Two models will be available, a 316i and 318i, and a diesel is still to come. The first three months' allocation is sold out. Ford's controversial Scorpio is well worth a look to confirm that it looks a good deal better in the metal than its early photo-

graphs suggested. Honda shows its five-door Civic, marking an aggressive new marketing policy after its split with Rover.

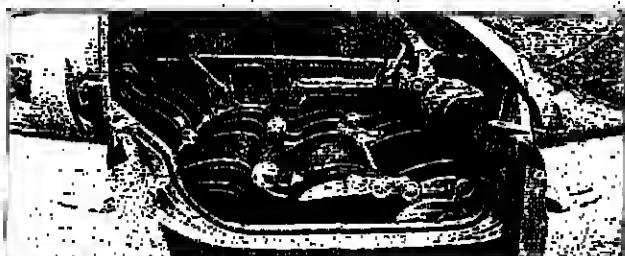
Citroën's leadership in ride and handling can only be confirmed by a test drive in the Active-equipped Xantia, but the Xantia concept car will demonstrate that there could be a new generation of saloons somewhere between the large multi-purpose vehicle (MPV) and the conventional four-seater. The Xantia is a pillarless design with swivelling seats.

Hall 5 has Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz, Lada, Renault, Fiat, Nissan, Kia, Daewoo, TVR and Mitsubishi. The Nissan QX is a flagship

executive saloon with a choice of 24-valve 2.0 litre or 3.0 litre V-6 engines producing up to 193 bhp.

Nissan expects improved ride and handling with new multi-link beam rear suspension. More significant is the car's link to the Nissan Cefiro, unveiled in Japan this summer, and the Infiniti I-30 designed under the same factory code-name as part of a programme to enhance its executive models. QX has a Jaguar cut to its roofline, and the interior is furnished with wood-grain inserts in the fascia and door casings. There are fluid-filled engine mountings with electronic controls to damp out noise and vibration.

## Adding fuel to the equation



Running on liquefied petroleum gas, the Renault Ludo

Cars of the future will be smaller, lighter and use more aluminium and plastic composites to maximise economy, safety and interior space.

Yet, despite the vast amounts being spent on developing more environmentally friendly alternatives to petrol and diesel engines, the toy-sized cars of 2015 will almost certainly be powered by very close relatives of the internal combustion engine.

For the past decade, manufacturers have pinned their hopes on battery vehicles which offer exhaust-free motoring. However, the scores of lifeless electric toys which litter the nation's living rooms a week after Christmas point to one great weakness in the idea. That has not stopped manufacturers spending millions of dollars, francs or yen trying to produce battery-powered cars which pair zero-exhaust emissions with speed and a working range in excess of 200 miles.

California is demanding that manufacturers have zero-emission cars on sale by 1998. Carmakers which fail will be banned from selling cars to a Californian market — that thieves one million new car sales annually.

This is why PSA Peugeot and Citroën have a fleet of battery-powered cars in La Rochelle, France, which "top up" at recharging stations, and why in America Ford battery vehicles are on trial in New York and California.

At Birmingham will be Peugeot's Ion — all 3.3 metres of it — powered by a 20Kw (27bhp) electric motor which runs off nickel-cadmium batteries. However, Peugeot cannot hide the fact that the car — which takes four passengers — has a working range of only 93 miles.

A report from the Economist Intelligence Unit, published earlier this month, forecasts: "By 2015, most cars will still be using the piston engine, albeit in more highly developed versions, and other fuels are

likely to remain a minority interest."

If battery power has a doubtful future, what of other possibilities? BMW is developing a hydrogen-powered car, a fuel that is available in limitless quantities and is clean-burning, but even BMW concedes that you will need a 140-litre tank of hydrogen to match the energy content of a 40-litre tank of petrol.

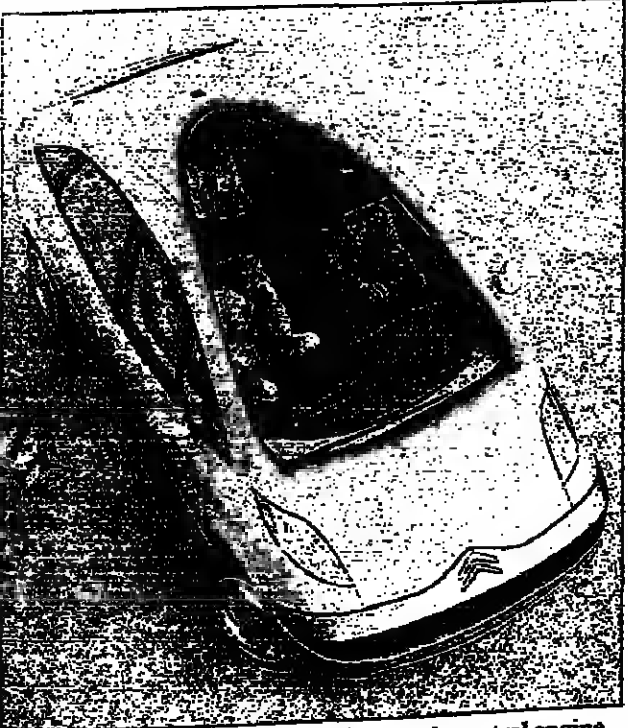
For Renault, one possible solution is liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), a by-product of petrol production, and in use now as a heating fuel in the UK. The Renault Ludo concept car runs on LPG, which Renault says emits significantly less global-warming gases than petrol — less carbon monoxide, less hydrocarbon and nitric oxides. Crucially, with its lightweight body, the Ludo has a top speed (90mph) and range (250 miles) on a tank of LPG that a battery car can only dream of.

Further ahead, cars are increasingly likely to look like the Citroën Xantia, also on show at Birmingham, which is based on the two-litre, 16-valve petrol engine, automatic transmission and advanced no-roll suspension of the Citroën Xantia saloon, which marries startling looks with these conventional innards.

The Xantia's extravagant pillarless body makes for an interior roomy enough for five in comfort. Much smaller cars are coming, too. The Ford Ka will be 10ft long, while Swatch plans to build a car of about 8ft in length in conjunction with Mercedes-Benz, using a body of recycled plastic and a one-litre engine.

Traditional technology is fighting back. Figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders show that new cars are 25 per cent more fuel-efficient than 20 years ago, and a further 10 per cent improvement is the industry target by the year 2010.

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The Xantia is based on the 2.0 litre, 16-valve petrol engine



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## NEWS

## Moscow welcomes the Queen

The Queen began her historic state visit to Russia with a warm, formal and dignified welcome from President Yeltsin in surroundings of dizzy splendour that positively trumpeted the nation's imperial and Christian history.

The Russian leader greeted the first reigning British monarch to tread Russian soil in the magnificence of St George's Hall in the Kremlin, a chamber far grander than anything Buckingham Palace can offer. The Queen looked decidedly pleased to be there. Page 1

## Major praises 'enduring' monarchy

John Major issued a passionate defence of the royal family as he came under growing pressure from within the Conservative Party to advise the Queen that the Prince and Princess of Wales should divorce. Page 1

## Royal 'divorce' plan

The Prince and Princess of Wales will divorce next year and the Queen will decide custody of their sons, according to extracts published in France that are allegedly taken from a new book by Andrew Morton. Page 1

## Football boosts jobs

A £450 million deal that should bring up to 6,000 jobs to Teesside was clinched over a football match at the home ground of Newcastle United. Page 1

## Murder 'for a dare'

A former Gordonstoun schoolboy by a fellow A-level student to murder a complete stranger for "the ultimate dare", the Old Bailey was told. Page 3

## Tunnel train fares

Prices for the Channel Tunnel train service Eurostar will range between £95 and £195 for journeys to Paris and Brussels. The prices are expected to challenge airline domination. Page 4

## Low-key troops

Minister plan to lower the profile of troops in Northern Ireland as the next step towards the long-term goal of removing them from the streets. Page 5

## Race bias claim

A leading barrister representing black lawyers' rights made legal history by taking the Bar Council to an industrial tribunal, claiming discrimination. Page 7

## Bishop approves 200 part-time vicars

The Diocese of Salisbury is attempting to tackle its shortage of clergy by asking each parish without a vicar to nominate a lay person for ordination. The scheme, announced yesterday by the Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Rev David Standcliffe, could lead to the ordination of 200 extra vicars. All would be non-stipendiary, part-time posts. Page 6

## Labour shake-up

A record number of women have been nominated for this year's shadow Cabinet elections which appear likely to trigger a big shake-up in Tony Blair's team. Page 9

## Libraries' future

Libraries should open "from eight till late", seven days a week, and be plugged into the global information superhighway, according to a blueprint for their future. Page 10

## Reporter killed

A leading Russian investigative journalist was killed when a suitcase he had been given exploded in the office of his Moscow newspaper. Page 11

## Kohl confident

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, rejected suggestions that his coalition's ten-seat majority would lead to lengthy political instability. "A majority is a majority," he said. Page 12

## Iraq climbdown

Speculation mounted last night that Baghdad would announce its formal and unconditional recognition of Kuwait and the new UN-demarcated border. Page 14

## Peace treaty

Israel and Jordan initiated the draft of a peace treaty, paving the way for a full treaty after more than four decades of formal hostility. Page 15



Medical students demonstrating in Parliament Square yesterday against the proposed closure of St Bartholomew's Hospital

## Channel Tunnel: Delays to the start

of full rail services between Britain and France may have cost Eurotunnel £100 million. Page 25

## Executive pay: Huge pay rises

and three-year rolling contracts are still the norm for Britain's boardroom chiefs. Page 25, 29

## Walker trial: The jury in the trial

of George Walker and Wilfred Aquilina, former kingpins of the Brent Walker leisure empire, retired to consider its verdict after four and a half months in court. Page 26

## Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose

13.5 to 3,120.2, retreating from earlier highs after a patchy start in Wall Street. The pound rose .16 cents to \$1.6076 and .08 pence to DM2.4159. Page 28

## Football: Des Walker, the Sheffield

Wednesday captain, will receive a three-match suspension but is likely to escape without further charges after head-butting Simon Milton, of Ipswich. Page 48

## Cricket: Logic dictates that England

will fare little better than their recent predecessors against Australia, who have won 11 Tests to England's one in the past three series. Page 46

## Motor racing: Julia Llewellyn

Smith lives life in the fast lane as she accompanies Nigel Mansell around Brands Hatch. Page 48

## Football: Athletic Bilbao, Newcastle's

opponents in the second round of the UEFA Cup, have a team that relies entirely on homegrown talent. Page 44

## Right or Left? Why did President

Mitterrand, in 1943, accept a medal from Marshal Petain for services to him and to France? Page 16

## Royal sensations: Are boarding-

schools as bad as the Prince of Wales remembers? Page 16

## Danger zone: Patients are not told

of X-ray hazards. Page 17

## Holiday nightmare: The Britons

who are thrown into foreign jails without trial. Page 39

## Interview pressure: "Everything

flashes through your mind." A solicitor questioned by police recalls his nervousness. Page 41

## A song at twilight: The Tate

Gallery's retrospective of James McNeill Whistler — the largest ever mounted — reveals an artist increasingly immersed in the melancholy thoughts and colours of the twilight hour. Page 35

## Shostakovich's musical: This

week will see the first staging in the West of Moscow, Chyornushki, a satirical musical written by Shostakovich in 1958. Page 36

## Child's play: Lucinda Childs, one

of the high priestesses of the New York dance scene, brings her company to London for the first time this week. Page 37

## Cranberry jolly: "Dressed in a

white tutu, white tights and silver, knee-length platform boots, singer Dolores O'Riordan was carried on to the stage, ballerina-style, by the rest of the Cranberries." So began one of the stranger rock gigs of the year. Page 37

## IN THE TIMES

## FRENCH DRESSING

Iain R. Webb, fashion editor, reports on a revival of elegance at the Paris shows

## CRIT WIT

Richard Morrison, arts editor, reviews the modern critic and the media

## Some argue that only pacifist

saints, healers or non-violent crusaders should win the Nobel Peace Prize. But there is value also in honouring more worldly political leaders, even former terrorists

— The New York Times

## In the post-Cold War world, the

military will have to cope with messy missions such as controlling crowds, containing regional strongmen and suppressing pirates

— The Wall Street Journal

Prince Michael of Kent narrates a two-part history of his murdered relatives, the last Tsar and Tsarina of Russia, Nicholas and Alexandra (TV, 10.40pm) Page 47

## Winner takes all

John Major may yet be able to make common cause with Germany in forging a free-trade, free-market northwestern axis in Europe. The Chancellor's victory may even improve the chance of achieving that aim. Page 19

## Labour old and new

As soon as the party has agreed upon a form of words to replace Clause Four, Mr Blair and his new general secretary, Tom Sawyer, should ballot all party members on the issue and urge trade unions to do the same with their levy-payers. Page 19

## The future for books

If libraries are truly to provide value for money, librarians must forsake their bookish image and clear a path through the electronic undergrowth. Page 19

## BERNARD LEVIN

The rape of Tibet continues: the Chinese savages, it is clear, will not cease their destruction until that tragic and beautiful land ceases to exist. Page 18

## GEORGE BROCK

Helmut Kohl now finds himself in a powerful position to push European unification as hard as he can, and seems to have stopped caring whether this keeps John Major awake at night. Page 18

## PETER RIDDELL

Tony Blair has more on his mind than his debut at Prime Minister's questions this afternoon. More important are the elections to the shadow Cabinet. If Labour MPs want to help him create a new look party, they should vote for big changes. Page 8

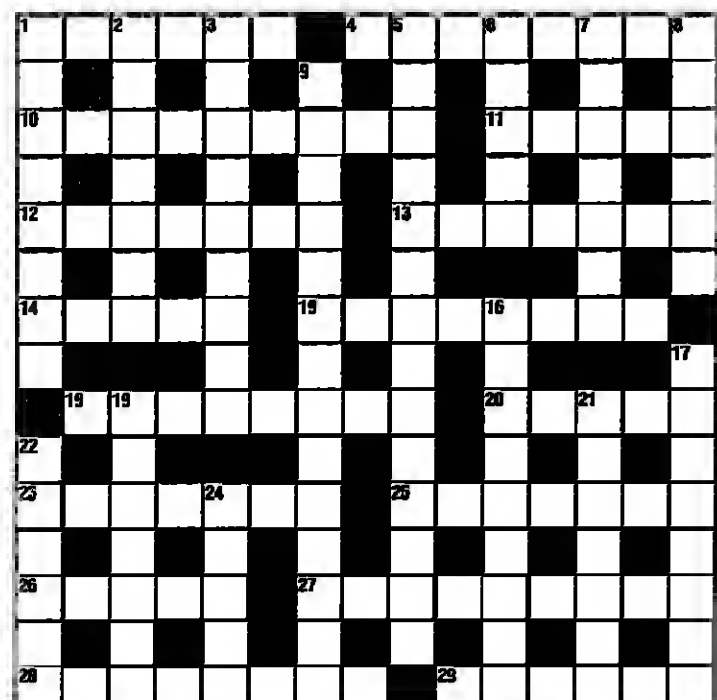
## Wing Commander Charles Mc-

Clare, test pilot; Professor James Renwick, geneticist; Thomas Nkoi, ANC Treasurer-General; David Protherough, rugby union player and coach. Page 21

## Lessons from the Tory conference

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- 1 A fellow to irritate, causing a breach of the peace (6).
- 4 During fight, there's a need to prevent release of information (8).
- 10 Communist revolution has worker heartlessly backing unreasonable demand (4,5).
- 11 Caught right, fish may be seen here (5).
- 12 Communist girl accepts a kiss (7).
- 13 Stamps collected by one of the family (7).
- 14 Young girl sees city at speed (5).
- 15 Tavern (foreign) no good for the stomach (5,3).
- 18 One primate exercises another (8).
- 20 Score in match unbelievable and unknown (5).
- 23 I arrive shattered in resort area (7).

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- 25 Medical man should account for prolonged shortage (7).
- 26 Horse box (5).
- 27 Alice isn't exceptionally unyielding (9).
- 28 Row of houses takes a source of capital — notes and coin (8).
- 29 Paddy has a lot of character and spirit (6).
- 1 Athenian clad in some metal (8).
- 2 I play a pivotal part in awful, crummy film... (7).
- 3... as I behold crook getting wiped out (9).
- 5 Flower found in another place (5,3,6).
- 6 Conceal pain following cold (5).
- 7 Transatlantic run, we hear (7).
- 8 Young men and women in the army advanced (6).
- 9 Recognition provided I fancied it — not I, strangely (14).
- 16 Reasons to limit the distribution of alcohol (9).
- 17 Occult alms city distributed (8).
- 19 A victory in the Lancans' breakthrough (7).
- 21 Vessel of less tonnage (7).
- 22 Theme has run in parallel (6).
- 24 Leaders in England today have ignored Christian principles (5).

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## General: Scotland will be mostly dry,

although rather cloudy with some patchy rain in the west which will become more persistent later. Northern Ireland, although starting mostly dry and quite bright, will become increasingly cloudy with rain at times. For most of the day England and Wales will be dry and quite bright with sunny spells in the south. Later on, cloud will spread into the west with outbreaks of rain by midnight.

## London, SE England, E Anglia,

Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N, NE England: dry with bright or sunny spells. Wind east to southeast moderate to fresh, locally strong later. Max temp 13C (55F).

## SW England, S Wales, N Wales,

Isle of Man: mostly dry and bright becoming cloudy later with some rain

## In places by midnight. Wind southeast

fresh to strong becoming strong to gale. Max temp 14C (57F).

## NW England, Lake District, Borders,

Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: mostly dry but rather cloudy. Wind southeast fresh to strong becoming strong to gale later. Max temp 12C (54F).

## Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern

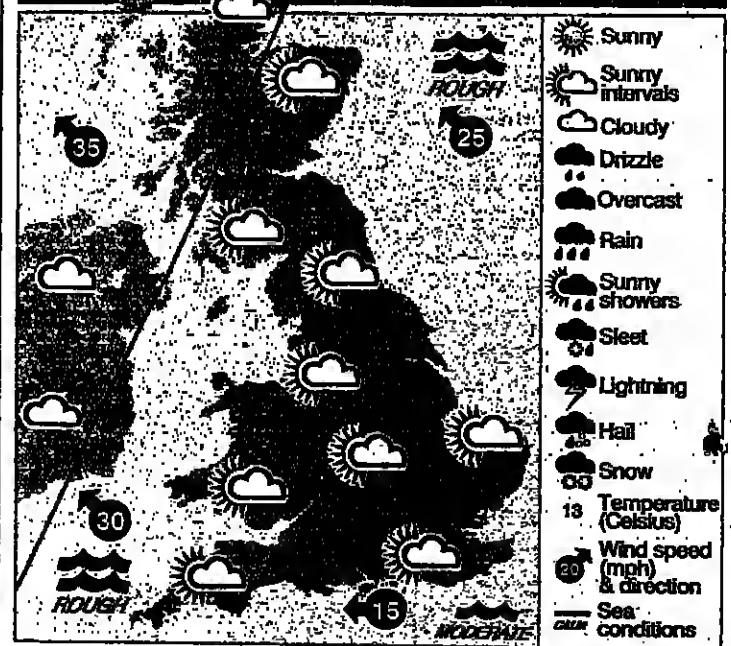
Ireland: cloudy with patchy light rain or drizzle at first, more persistent rain later. Wind southeast strong becoming strong to gale. Max temp 12C (54F).

## Shetland: cloudy with patchy light

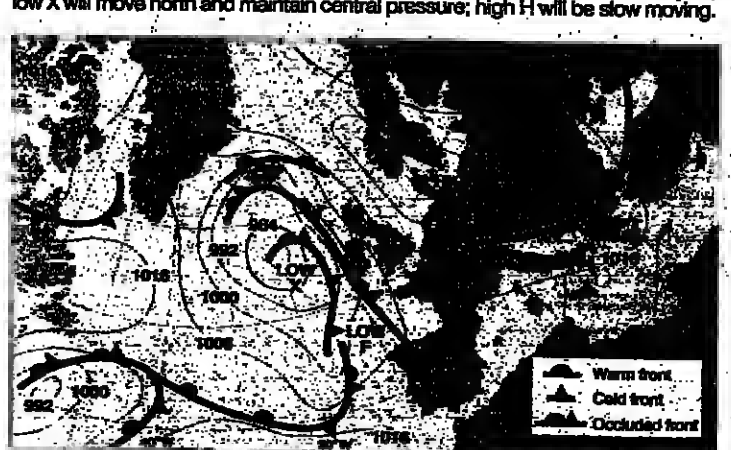
rain at first. Wind southeast fresh to strong. Max temp 9C (48F).

## Outlook: cloudy with rain; brighter

with showers later.



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## THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

TUESDAY OCTOBER 18 1994

Tunnel  
delays to  
hit 1995  
revenues

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE delays that have hit the start-up of rail services through the Channel Tunnel this year will also reduce Eurotunnel's revenues in 1995. These will not now reach the levels forecast in last spring's £858 million rights issue, the company admitted yesterday.

A half-year progress report reinforced City fears over the loss of revenues from the problems that have bedevilled the first months of operation. Observers had expected a shortfall for 1994, but it now appears this will be larger than had been expected.

Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman, said the company would miss by three quarters, or £100 million, the £135 million of revenues the company had promised shareholders in 1994. But a squeeze on costs would limit the resultant additional cash outflow to £50 million this year.

The need for an operating certificate, still outstanding from the joint government-safety regulator, is a run-Le Shuttle tourist service through the Tunnel would push the start of this service towards the end of this year, while the phased introduction of the rolling stock, thereafter, would hit revenues for 1995.

But the company is confident the entire operation, the freight shuttles, the Eurostar passenger services, for which a November 14 launch was announced yesterday, and Le Shuttle itself, would be operating fully by next spring.

The news sent Eurotunnel shares, always a volatile market on any bad news, diving 13p to 215p, a new low for the year, in early trading, although by the end of the day they had recovered to 221p.

The interim figures from Eurotunnel indicated the first trading results yet from the project, a £47 million loss for a six-week period of limited operations from the freight service, the only one yet running on a commercial basis.

Summing up the first nine

months of this year as "a frustrating and difficult time", Sir Alastair conceded that the company had not delivered its promises made in the rights issue prospectus. "Perhaps the future is just arriving — once again I apologise for its late arrival," he said.

"1995 will be the critical year, in which we must satisfy our customers and our bankers — and thus our shareholders," he added.

But the revenue shortfall could potentially push the group into yet more problems with its bankers, once the rights issue cash that is being

it over runs out in the spring. Eurotunnel was forced to concede in yesterday's announcement that the banks' own projections for the Tunnel "may well create a situation in which the existing conditions for access to the senior debt would not be satisfactory".

Sir Alastair dismissed any suggestion that the company could end up in breach of its banking covenants and run into problems as a result. "The banks have come through all this trauma from 1986 and 1987. They aren't going to stop now, are they?" he asked.

He also dismissed market concerns that the company might be forced into yet another rights issue to straighten out its finances before next spring, when the revenue from operations is forecast to exceed operating costs for the first time. "We don't need one. Our way forward is with our banks," he said.

Sir Alastair yesterday indicated his personal support of the project: after the formal announcement of the figures, he instructed his broker to buy 5,000 Eurotunnel units at a price of 230p, taking his holding to 34,440 units. He also holds 118,000 1993 warrants. Sir Alastair pledged: "I'll hold these new shares at least a year and then sell them when the holding shows me 50 per cent per annum growth."

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## Highland Distilleries ferments a spirit of change



Season for spreading wings: Brian Ivory, chief executive of Highland Distilleries, yesterday announced that the maker of The Famous Grouse brand of whisky is considering a move into other spirits. Mr Ivory, reporting a 10 per

cent rise in pre-tax profits to £42.5 million, said the company was working hard to exploit different opportunities in premium spirits. However, he declined to say whether new products would come from internal development or

through acquisition. Mr Ivory also announced that export volumes of The Famous Grouse had grown by 14 per cent in the year to August. The strong advance compares with an industry average of 4 per cent.

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Exco chief  
quits in  
board row

BY PATRICIA TESHAN

THE chief executive of Exco, the money broker that returned to the stock market in July, resigned yesterday after a management disagreement. Ron Sandler, brought in from rival Martin Biersbaum 18 months ago, will leave at the end of the year.

He will be succeeded by Peter Edge, head of the firm's London money broking operations for six years, who became deputy chief executive yesterday.

Mr Sandler is on a £290,000 salary under a one-year rolling contract. A spokesman for the firm said Mr Sandler would not receive compensation, but his contract would be honoured in full.

The spokesman said: "Since the flotation differences in management style have developed, which, if the board had allowed them to continue, could have damaged the business." The company's shares fell 15p to 179p.

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Three-year contracts still  
rolling on for many chiefs

BY ROBERT MILLER AND COLIN NARBROUGH

CHIEF executives of Britain's top companies are awarding themselves huge pay rises and protecting their future prospects with three-year rolling contracts according to a survey published yesterday by Bacon & Woodrow, the remuneration specialist.

The survey also reveals a widening pay gap between the directors of large and small companies.

Bacon & Woodrow's 1994 Directors' TRP (Total Remuneration Package) Survey shows directors of companies with a turnover of less than £125 million received an average basic salary rise over the year of 6 per cent, compared with 10 per cent for directors at companies with a turnover of more than £125 million.

One company, which did not participate in the B&W survey but awarded a generous pay rise, was Nissan UK Holdings, owner of the former sole distributor in Britain of Nissan cars. Last year, it raised the salary of Octav Botnar, its fugitive German chairman, more than fivefold

to £1.94 million, despite a £113 million pre-tax loss.

According to the B&W survey the average basic salary of chief executives in July this year was £208,000 against £158,000 last year. Directors saw their average salaries rise by £19,000 to £110,000, although Bacon & Woodrow said the sample base differed slightly from last year. The overall pay packages of directors, including bonus payments, pension arrangements and other benefits, can exceed basic pay by more than 200 per cent. Company cars remain a popular perk with a 93 per cent take-up.

Only 27 per cent of the 954 directors in 126 companies participating in the survey, conducted in conjunction with Remuneration Economics, received no bonus. For those who did receive them the average sum was 25 per cent of salary or £27,607 in cash terms.

But the most controversial element of the B&W survey, is likely to centre on the continuing popularity of three-year rolling contracts. Of the chief

executives surveyed, 39 per cent still have them.

Alastair Ross Goobey, chief executive of PostTel, the £25 billion Post Office and British Telecom staff pension fund, gave warning this summer that they were no longer acceptable. Mr Ross Goobey, who has a 12-month rolling contract, said PostTel would in future vote against contracts of more than two years.

But in a supplementary survey of FT-SE 100 companies, Bacon & Woodrow found that of the 80 replies it received, more than 50 per cent of chief executives were still on three-year rolling contracts and 64 per cent of these had "no intention" of changing.

Commenting on three-year rolling contracts, Keith McNeish, the Bacon & Woodrow consultant who managed the survey, said: "We were surprised to find that there was no evidence of reducing numbers of rolling three-year contracts for chief executives."

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Retailers see  
strong sales  
in September

BY PHILIP BASSETT

HIGH Street sales growth is recovering, according to the latest distributive trades survey from the Confederation of British Industry, out today.

Retail sales, the survey says, grew more strongly in September than in recent months, and were higher than retailers expected. The findings, which come ahead of the Government's own retail sales figures, due tomorrow, are the first since September's half-point increase in base rates.

Nearly all retailers reported strong growth in sales volumes last month, the CBI says. The balance of companies reporting an increase in sales volumes (against those reporting a fall) rose from 2 per cent in August to 28 per cent last month. CBI analysts suggest that when the last three months are averaged out, the overall positive balance of about 14 per cent indicates "modest but continuing" overall growth.

Overall sales volumes, across 15,000 outlets were also up in September and, at a balance of 39 per cent, were higher than expectations.

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FT-SE All share	1548.45	(+5.34)
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New York		
Dow Jones	3919.22	(+8.75)*
S&P Composite	688.03	(-0.07)*

INTEREST		
Federal Funds	4 1/4%	(4 1/4%)
Long Bond	96 1/2%	(96 1/2%)
Yield	7.85%	(7.85%)

LONDON MONEY		
3-month interbank	5 1/4%	(5 1/4%)
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DM	2.4156	(2.4176)
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Yen	157.27	(156.56)
£ Index	79.8	(79.6)

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London	1.5003*	(1.5173)
DM	5.1480*	(5.2138)
FF	1.2685*	(1.2625)
Yen	97.85*	(98.05)
£ Index	61.2	(61.6)

## Tokyo close Yen 97.97

## Brexit 15-day (Dec) \$16.00 (\$15.75)

## London close \$389.25 (\$387.45)

\* denotes midday trading price

## Training benefits

Improving workers' skills could cut absenteeism at work and help to boost profits. Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, said yesterday at the launch of a new business-led drive to promote training standards in the workplace. Page 30

## £180m New Look

New Look, the womenswear retailer, will float on the stock market next month valued at up to £180 million. The flotation will make the controlling Singh family, which founded the business in 1969, more than £50 million richer. Page 27

GE to sell  
Kidder  
Peabody

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH  
IN NEW YORK

AFTER eight years in the brokerage business, General Electric announced yesterday that it was to sell its Kidder Peabody unit to PaineWebber. In recent months, Kidder has been dogged by scandal and losses, and the sale — a share-exchange worth around \$670 million — came as no surprise to Wall Street.

The deal will leave GE with an initial stake of 22 per cent in PaineWebber, rising to 25 per cent, but the corporate giant is also expected to take a one-time, fourth quarter charge to earnings of \$500 million.

As part of the accord, GE will indemnify PaineWebber on all of Kidder's existing liabilities, is to receive a seat on the PaineWebber board and has agreed to a 15-year standstill period.

John Welch, GE chairman, said: "We look forward to the real benefits... through GE's interest in PaineWebber."

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## Eastern promise of 6,000 British jobs

BY COLIN NARBROUGH  
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

SAMSUNG, South Korea's biggest industrial conglomerate, is expected to generate up to 6,000 jobs in north east England with a £450 million investment in a state-of-the-art plant in Cleveland, one of Britain's unemployment black spots.

The British Government pledged £59 million in grant and loans under its Regional Selective Assistance programme to secure the biggest ever Korean investment in Europe.

It was the second biggest aid

package for an inward investor in England, after a £75 million deal with Ford in 1978. Further support will come from local authorities, Teesside Training and Enterprise Council and Teesside Development Corporation.

The South Korean move follows last month's decision by NEC, the Japanese computer chipmaker, to invest a further £530 million alongside its existing production facilities at Livingston in Lothian and suggests that inward investment is picking up.

News of the South Korean investment emerged during a visit to Seoul by Michael Heseltine, President of the

Board of Trade, who today starts a three-day visit to Malaysia.

Samsung, the world's 14th biggest company, produces chemicals, ships, aircraft parts, consumer electronics and computer chips. It also aims to become a leading carmaker.

The plant to be built at Wynyard will make microwave ovens and computer monitors. Production will expand later to include personal computers, fax machines, colour display tubes and microchips. The DTI said the Cleveland project would employ 3,000 people directly. A further 400 will initially be employed at

Samsung's regional headquarters in London, rising to 400 to 500 by the end of the decade. Similar inward investment programmes have generated many more jobs indirectly and DTI officials said that, typically, the direct workforce was matched by indirect jobs in allied industries and services.

Samsung already employs 300 people making colour televisions at Billingham in Cleveland, where it expects to double the workforce. Production at Wynyard is expected to start next year.

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Sir Alastair brought 5,000 Eurotunnel shares yesterday.

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□ Banks unlikely to shoot themselves in the foot □ Creating a super-class of bosses □ GE closes the book on its big mistake

## The long, dark Tunnel

□ SOME people are terrified of spiders, open spaces or bar-tenders. Sir Alastair Morton's particular phobia appears to be certain newspaper headlines.

Hence his insistence yesterday that Eurotunnel, contrary to reports last week, is not in potential breach of its banking covenants. This is the headline that Sir Alastair dreads, and no matter that it would hardly be the first time.

But the need to keep shareholders informed required Eurotunnel to admit yesterday, as the interim progress report came in, rather worse than the market had feared, that the way the cards were running, the company might by next spring be in technical breach of the conditions precedent to its getting its hands on much-needed senior debt.

The delays to full start-up, which were always going to make 1994 a year to forget, will now certainly effect 1995 revenues. While the various services will — probably, probably — be running for the all-important summer season, the delays to Le Shuttle will mean this will have to build up into full operation in the early months of next year.

Any reduction in the forecast £525 million in revenues Eurotunnel expects for 1995, however slight and even in the quiet winter months, will come off

projections that until now had assumed all the damage would be contained into 1994. Meanwhile interest rate rises, actual and potential, will boost outgoings. The inevitable result must be that the banks' highly conservative assumptions, on which they agree to extend further funds when the cash from this year's rights issue runs out, will not be achieved.

The banks would theoretically be entitled to refuse to pay out the money next spring that Eurotunnel needs to pay them their interest. The company would then be in breach of its banking covenants, having been kicked into it by its own banks. If the company failed, the banks would have two choices. They could pour concrete down the hole and write off the debt, or they could hire the same team to run the project and write off the debt. Bankers have no more to gain than the rest of us from shooting themselves in the foot, so Eurotunnel can therefore not be said to be in potential breach now, although some might think it is a distinction without a difference.

News that next year's revenues

might not be as good as hoped should not have affected the share price, since there is no logical reason why the shares, without a profit, a dividend, or much else except travel discounts, should be worth anything at all. Predictably, the shares plunged, bearing out Sir Alastair's opinion that those who buy and sell Eurotunnel short-term these days are traders, not investors. One day the shares will come back into fashion, but it would take a brave man to predict when. The Channel will probably be up and fully operational by then, which pushes that day well into next year.

### Bringing home the bacon

□ THE modern company chief likes to claim he is a caring, responsive individual, meeting the needs of his customers, shareholders and employees. Such sensitivity can only go so far, however, and yesterday Bacon & Woodrow's annual directors pay survey revealed that it certainly does not stretch into



their pockets. There, the grand old policies of self-interest still reign supreme.

The survey is grim reading for anyone who believes that chief executives should show some self-restraint in rewarding their efforts, as an example to their employees and the outside world. On the contrary, it suggests that Britain is on the brink of creating an American-style super-class of multi-millionaire bosses of large companies, whose wealth and lifestyle are completely detached from the millions surrounding them. The average chief executive in the survey earned a package worth £351,000 last year, almost twice as much as other directors and nearly three times as much as

senior executives. This is an average: the top 10 per cent in the survey earned almost £700,000 in cash and benefits. And the figures do not include any contribution from share options.

In the face of all the public criticism of executive pay in the past year, chief executives have continued to reward themselves more than their staff. Basic salaries rose an average of 8.5 per cent, more than three times the rate of inflation, while the heads of large companies decided they were worth a whole 10 per cent more than last year. This is an era when companies are extolling the virtues of pay restraint to their staff.

The survey is also a bitter pill to the investors who have rallied against three-year rolling contracts. They are still the norm among chief executives and few companies have any intention of insulating their leader by shortening the length of his contract. And how many chief executives have seen out the length of their contract when they wanted to move on to better-paid pastures? If institutional investors really want to see three-year rolling

contracts thrown out, they will have to turn the screw on generous business rather harder.

### Paine reliever

□ IT WOULD be easy but wrong to attribute Kidder Peabody's fall from grace and its subsequent disposal by General Electric on one man's alleged irregular trading activities. Undoubtedly, GE would like pin all the blame for the sorry episode on Joseph Jett, since it is not a business with a reputation for making mistakes of this scale. But the very fact that a position so large was allowed to build up in Kidder's books without any-one crying foul suggests the relationship between GE and Kidder was rotten from the start.

Any efficient dealing system should have picked up the size of positions being run in Kidder's dealing room and the capital they were consuming. The fact that they were not spotted suggests that either Kidder's systems were inadequate or that the

firm did not examine this tremendous source of profits too closely, just as long as it could report these earnings back to its parent.

General Electric's unhappy ownership of Kidder is further proof that even the most impressively managed business can only withstand so much diversification. While GE Capital has thrived under its industrial parentage, since it retains links with the company through asset leasing, GE's move into investment banking also looked an odd one.

For PaineWebber, the deal looks a one-off opportunity to steal some ground against competitors such as Merrill Lynch, particularly since Kidder will greatly strengthen the firm's retail distribution franchise and enhance its overseas presence.

In the event, GE has not even managed to salvage much pride out of the affair. Its agreement to indemnify PaineWebber for Kidder's liabilities and its readiness to accept a 25 per cent stake in the enlarged group as payment suggests it was keen to be rid of Kidder at any price. John Welsh, GE's chairman, may feel obliged to talk about the benefits of the deal, but in his heart he knows that GE's ownership of a minority stake in a Wall Street firm will be little more than an unlucky charm to remind him of his one big mistake.

## Growing cash pile boosts half-time profits at VSEL

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BURGEONING cash balances at VSEL, the Barrow-in-Furness submarine builder, that is the subject of a £487 million agreed bid from British Aerospace, boosted pre-tax profits in the half year to end-September from £28.8 million to £30.2 million.

The size of VSEL's cash pile reinforces the attraction of the company to BAE, whose debts are rising.

Cash balances grew from £270 million to £364 million in the year to September 30. That helped raise interest receivable by £1.7 million to £5.8 million.

At the trading level, VSEL's profits, which are calculated under a complex formula relating to how much of its Trident submarine contract with the Government has been completed, were slightly lower, at £24.4 million (£24.7 million).

As suggested at the time of the bid last week, the interim dividend is raised from 10.5p to 12.0p, to be paid on November 24, well within the bid timetable, out of earnings of 52.5p, up from 49.3p.

In the formal offer docu-

ment to shareholders put out yesterday, BAE underlined the benefit that acquiring VSEL would have on the group's finances.

A pro forma balance sheet shows that whereas the acquisition would do little to change BAE's asset base, increasing it by £190 million, from £2.2 billion, it would transform net debt.

At June 30, half way through its financial year, BAE had borrowings of £367 million. At March 31, VSEL's financial year end, the submarine builder had cash of £247 million. This would have left the merged venture with debt of just £120 million and gearing of just 10 per cent, a figure that will be further eroded by VSEL's strong cash flow during the first half.

The third party in the BAE-VSEL triangle, GEC, headed by Lord Weinstock, has not reacted to weekend suggestions that the engineering group, which has long stalked BAE and has expressed an interest in VSEL, might short-cut the process by bidding for the combined group.

A spokesman for GEC con-

firmed that the group had declared itself a "bona fide potential offeror" for the submarine-maker, thereby obtaining confidential financial information about VSEL. However, he declined to comment on suggestions of a GEC bid for BAE.

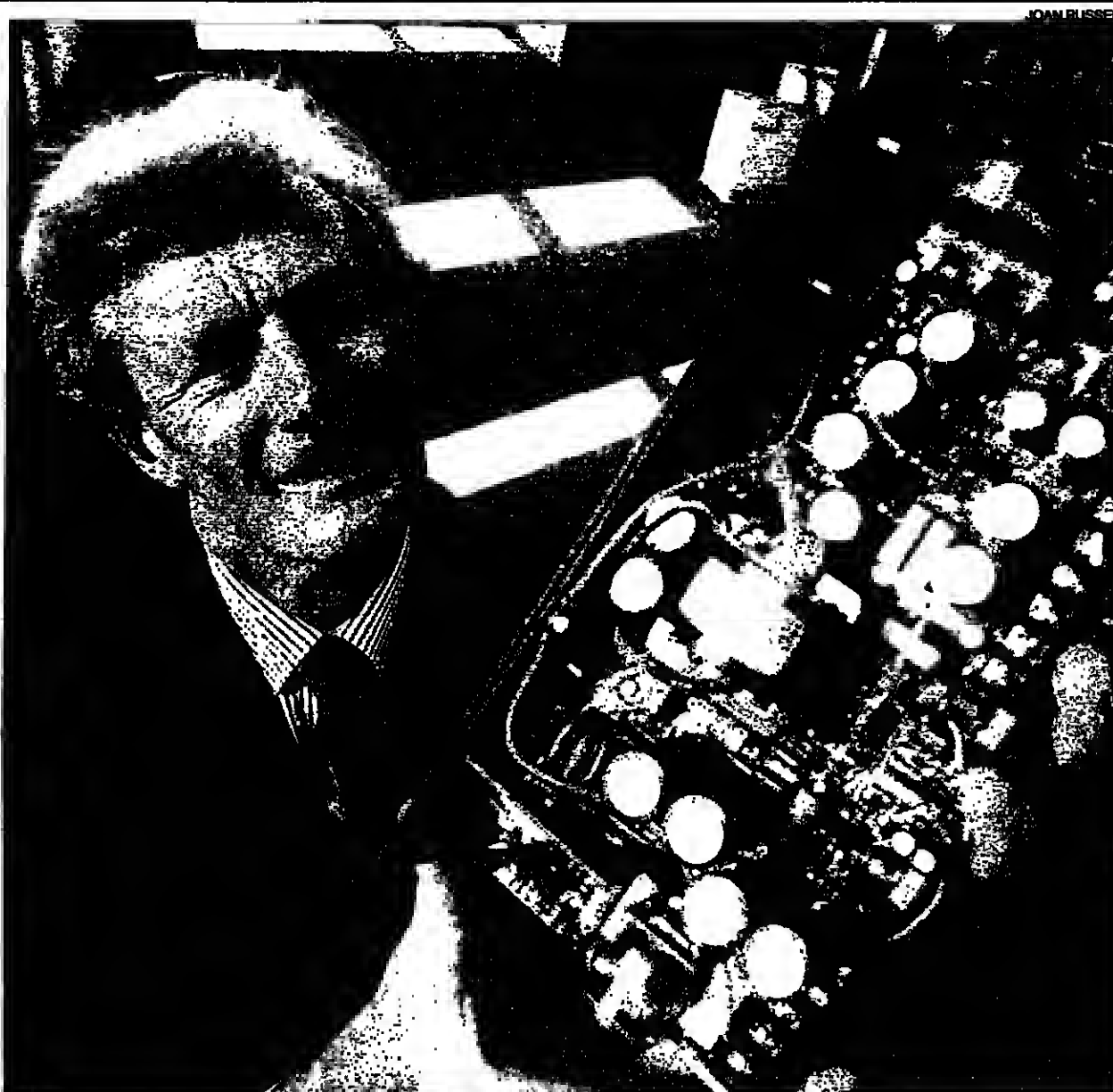
Richard Laphorne, finance director of BAE, denied suggestions that the document had been issued early to forestall any action from GEC. "We've been working on this for some time. It was only a matter of when we pressed the button," he said.

The bid will have to run the full 60-day period required under the rules of the Stock Exchange. GEC would, therefore, have plenty of time to make any move it wished, said Mr Laphorne.

He added: "I think that what GEC wants to do is their business."

"The issue today is that we have put out an offer document for VSEL. We think the argument makes absolute industrial and financial sense to the company."

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Howard Poulson, chief executive of Farnell Electronics, at the company's distribution centre in Leeds. Profits rose 36 per cent

## Arrest warrant issued for De la Rosa

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

A WARRANT for the arrest and imprisonment of Javier de la Rosa, the Catalan entrepreneur who is one of the richest men in Spain, was issued yesterday by a Barcelona court for fraud, falsification of documents and misappropriation of some £5 million.

Bail was set at £35 million, the amount private shareholders say is missing from Gran Tibidabo, a company taken over by Señor de la Rosa.

The sum was part of a £50 million credit put up by the Catalan government for the development of the Tibidabo amusement park project south of Barcelona. The warrant for Señor de la Rosa will cast a shadow over the involvement of Tussaud's, part of the Pearson empire, in the troubled scheme.

Earlier this year, Tussaud's, which runs Alton Towers, acquired a 40 per cent stake in Tibidabo from Señor de la Rosa and will run the park. The site had originally been offered for Euro Disney.

Señor de la Rosa is also involved in extensive fraud squad enquiries in London and Spain into the crash of a holding company he established in Spain for the Kuwait Investment Office.

## Horton joins Farnell board

By SARAH BAGNALL

ROBERT Horton, who recently offered to donate most of his £120,000 salary as Railtrack chairman to charity, has been made a non-executive director of Farnell Electronics.

Mr Horton will be paid £17,500 annually for working one day a month for the components distributor. He hit the headlines in August when he offered to donate to charity the difference between his £120,000 salary and Jimmy Knapp's £46,000 salary if it would help to end the signalers' strike.

Barry Bramley, a director

of BAT Industries, has also joined Farnell, where Howard Poulson is chief executive, as a non-executive director. Richard Hanwell, chairman of Farnell, said that the appointments reflected the company's intention to expand its catalogue sales business into the US and the Far East.

Mr Hanwell said: "The climate is right to enter an expansion programme on the back of catalogue sales. There are tremendous opportunities, especially in the Far East and the US."

Mr Hanwell also an-

nounced the resignation of Henry Elstone, the group finance director. He is being replaced by Andrew Fisher, presently senior audit partner with Price Waterhouse.

The changes were announced as Mr Hanwell unveiled a 36 per cent leap in pre-tax profits, to £28.7 million, in the half year to July 31. Turnover rose by 77 per cent, to £260.5 million.

The interim dividend, due on December 5, is up by 19 per cent, to 3.8p. Earnings per share rose from 10.5p to 14.3p.

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## Volumes strong at WMI

By MARTIN BARROW

WASTE Management International said the pricing environment continues to be generally weak but volumes remain strong in most areas.

The company reported third quarter pre-tax profits of £43.1 million, in line with market expectations and up 10.9 per cent from the previous year's £38.9 million. In the nine months to September 30, pre-tax profits grew 13.6 per cent to £125.4 million.

Third quarter revenues improved 22.8 per cent to £268.8 million from £235.1 million and earnings were 5.9 per cent higher at 7.2p a share (6.8p).

Most of Europe performed well, except Germany and France. Satisfactory results were achieved in Britain, The Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, where economies had shown an improvement. The shares were unchanged at 538p.

## New Look float to bring Singhs £50m

By PATRICIA TEHAN

THE Singh family, which controls New Look, the womenswear retailer that is about to come to the stock market, will be more than £50 million richer next month.

The family plans to sell about 35 per cent of its stake in the company when it floats at a value of between £150 million and £180 million.

The flotation will make Tom Singh, the deputy chairman who founded the company in 1969, his wife Kuljit and his parents wealthy.

The pathfinder prospectus, out yesterday, shows that in the year to March 26 Tom Singh was paid £1.35 million. In the 13 weeks to June 25, he was paid £2.05 million. John Hanna, managing director, said this year's payment was "by way of a dividend to the family in recognition of what they have done in building up the business." The accounts show that Tom and Kuljit

Singh also received a special £3.55 million payment in the half year to September 24, shown as an exceptional item. From this month, Tom Singh will be paid an annual salary of £125,000. He and the two other most senior directors will also receive a bonus worth 2 per cent of any increase in net profits.

New Look has estimated sales in the six months to September 24 at £58.7 million and operating profits at £9.9 million. That compares with £58.7 million and £11.1 million respectively for the whole year to March 26. The full prospectus will be published on November 3 and dealings are due to start 15 days later. The flotation will raise £10 million for the company to buy the freehold of a new distribution centre and head office, pay £2.5 million in fees to advisers on the flotation and provide £1.5 million in working capital.

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

# Lift-off for Bae as talk of twin bid by GEC grows

SHARES of British Aerospace, which already has an agreed bid of £278 million on the table for VSEL, soared 28p to 498p amid mounting speculation that the powerful GEC has set its sights on both companies. By the close of business last night almost 6 million Bae shares had changed hands.

Last week it was confirmed that GEC, which already owns the Yarrow shipyards, had expressed an interest in making a bid for VSEL, builder of Trident submarines. But in the past its name has also been linked to Bae, whose defence operations would make a neat fit. However, it is likely that GEC would probably sell off the group's civil aviation side.

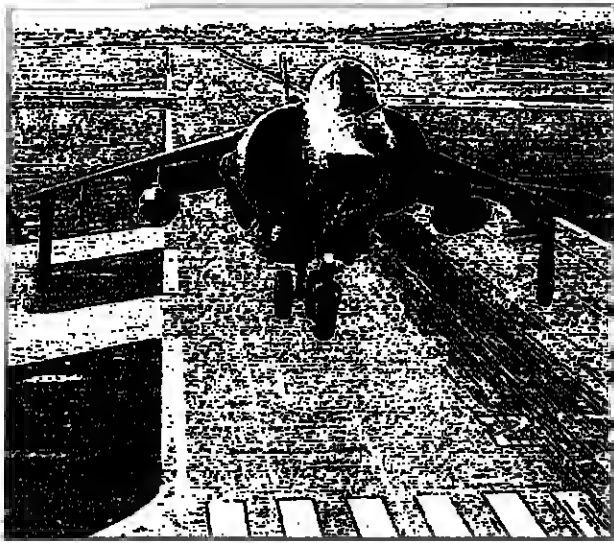
GEC certainly has the financial muscle to make a bid for both companies. At the last count it was sitting on more than £2 billion in cash. Meanwhile, VSEL yesterday reported a 5 per cent increase in half-year pre-tax profits to £30.2 million. Cash balances also climbed, from £270 million to £364 million. The shares eased 2p to £13.23 as Bae last night posted its offer document to its shareholders.

Elsewhere, share prices overcame early hesitancy generated by the German election result, and a long list of companies going ex-dividend. Bond prices led the way higher on suggestions from the Bundesbank that spending cuts could drive interest rates lower. But investors appeared reluctant to get involved, choosing instead to await this week's economic data. As a result, turnover levels were down last week, and by the close only 459 million shares had been traded.

The FT-SE 100 index repaired an early fall of almost seven points to end the session 13.5 up at 3,120.25 as Wall Street chipped in with a modest opening rise.

Among blue chips ICI responded to positive comments from a number of brokers, including NatWest Securities and Hoare Govett, with a rise of 25p to 818p. Third-quarter figures expected soon, are unlikely to reflect the usual seasonal downturn, with product price rises coming through. NatWest is forecasting a rise in pre-tax profits of 93 per cent to £135 million.

BT was another firm market, closing 6p better at 400p. Ofel, the industry regulator,



GEC is said to be hovering over Bae, maker of Sea Harriers

has overturned a ruling against BT and Cellnet, its 60 per cent owned subsidiary. The judgment followed complaints that the cellular telephone operator had been unfairly cross-subsidised.

Eurotunnel has taken the opportunity to reassure shareholders, and the City, that it does not need extra cash despite failing to meet the

suggested could happen between now and the second quarter of next year. But the group has admitted that delays in the launch of some services will hit revenues during the first half of 1995.

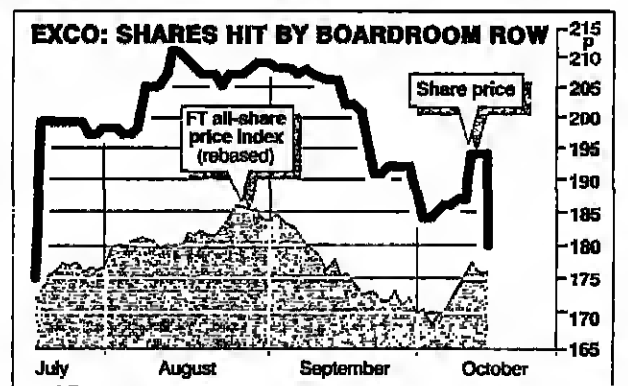
News of a boardroom split sent shares of Exco, the money broker, falling 15p to 179p, just 4p above the price at which they were offered to investors

SPECULATION that Unigate is about to dispose of its 32.6 per cent stake in Vermeide Bedrijven Nutricia, the Dutch company, refuses to go away. There was talk that HJ Heinz was ready to make a bid for the company, valuing Unigate's stake at several hundred million pounds. Unigate finished 6p dearer at 340p.

revenue forecast made at the time of its £830 million fundraising operation in May. The shares finished 7p lower at 221p as a meagre 1.1 million changed hands. They now stand 40p below the rights issue price. Sir Alastair Morton, the joint chairman, said he was not aware of any actual or future breach of loan covenants, let alone defaults on loans that reports had

on their return to the stock market in July. Ron Sandler, chief executive who joined in April last year, is to step down at the end of the year. He will be replaced by Peter Edge, who has been appointed deputy chief executive. The company blamed Sandler's departure on differences in management style.

Shares of Aerostructures Hamble, the new issue which



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# THE TIMES CITY DIARY

## Joys of the canteen

THE run-of-the-mill staff restaurant may not come up to the table cloth at the Savoy Grill, but employees who use them are receiving a perk worth at least £300 a year, according to management consultant Touche Ross. Its 27th survey of catering prices, costs and subsidies in employee restaurants, undertaken for the first time in conjunction with the Industrial Society, covered 800 sites, 980 dining rooms and half a million employees. The survey found that despite a trend towards single-status dining, 40 per cent of companies still operate more than one dining room, and the current economic climate has meant more employees than ever are eating company food. While the majority of companies offer catering services as a general policy, 50 per cent do so "to keep staff on the premises". Meanwhile, luncheon vouchers are alive and well, though any voucher worth more than 15p is taxable. One respondent has had the same contractor for 55 years, and, on average, each seat in the dining room is occupied 2.25 times a day. Meanwhile, the price of the humble egg has risen from 1p in 1988 to 16p, which probably explains why some people still bring sandwiches into the office.



## A foreign land

OVERLOOKING the sea to the north of Robin Hood's Bay in North Yorkshire, Lord Healey and Tom Gallagher, who took over as chief executive of Yorkshire Bank in July, met to inspect a dry stone-walling project, which the bank has funded for the National Trust. The incorrigible lord, while introducing Gallagher, a Kiwi from Wellington, New Zealand, into the skilled art of dry stone walling, also gave him some valuable advice about Yorkshire. "First, remember that Yorkshire is not in England, and secondly remember Africa begins at Sheffield."

## Empire man

WHICH brings me to a new book detailing, in full colour, 32 stately British homes. *Great Houses of England & Wales*, (Laurence King Publishing, £39.50), acknowledges the help of various dukes, duchesses, marquesses, viscounts, and lords, has photographs by Christopher Simon Sykes and a text by Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd. Frightfully British, until you reach the back fly-leaf which says "Printed in Singapore". Asked for his view, Montgomery-Massingberd said: "I have always considered Singapore part of the Empire."

## Lloyd's link

LOYD'S names need no reminding of the dictum that they are liable down to their last cufflink. Ironically, then, a notice has gone up in the Lloyd's building that Jenny Knott Silver will be selling a selection of antique and modern cufflinks at a fraction of normal retail prices tomorrow at Lloyd's in conference room four.

COLIN CAMPBELL

# Directors torn between greed and fair reward

Responsibility, risk and success are what justify rich executive pickings, says Jon Ashworth

**H**ardly a day goes by without some scathing reference to executive pay. Over the past ten years, senior UK directors have seen their basic pay increase by more than twice as much as that of ordinary employees — before bonuses and other elements of the executive package are taken into account. Departing directors are sent on their way with enormous golden handshakes to ease the pain.

Some names have taken on a familiar ring: Bob Bauman, of SmithKline Beecham; Sir Paul Gilmartin, of Glaxo; Greg Hutchings of Tomkins; Lord Young of Cable and Wireless. But are these the "undeserving rich", as Labour would have it, or hard-working men (and a handful of women) who deserve every penny?

Huge disparities continue to emerge between the pay rises secured by senior executives and the returns enjoyed by shareholders. Banks, retailers and the privatised utilities are among the worst offenders. Or take a company such as United Biscuits. Sir Robert Clarke, the chairman, saw his pay increase by 108 per cent, to £751,000, between 1990 and 1993, according to research by Datastream. Shareholder value fell by 10 per cent during the same period.

Liam Strong, the chief executive of Sears, saw his salary double over a period in which shareholders saw a return of 26 per cent, and the average remuneration of Sears employees rose just 12 per cent, according to Datastream. David Band, the chief executive of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, saw his package rise 160 per cent, to £1.4 million, compared with a return to shareholders of 42 per cent.

Shareholders who wish to arm themselves ahead of the next annual meeting will find ample ammunition in *Just Reward? The Truth About Top Executive Pay* (Kogan Page, £25). Anthony Williams, a former partner in Hay Management Consultants, picks out the main ingredients of the corporate pay package and attempts to put them into context.

Between 1984 and 1993, we learn, junior professionals saw their basic salaries rise by an average of 89.3 per cent. Senior executives enjoyed an average rise of 241.9 per cent — before annual bonuses, share options, pension entitlements and other perks.

Williams's analysis ties in with the latest research by Bacon & Woodrow, which suggests that total directors' pay packages can exceed their basic pay by well over 200 per cent. Earnings differentials between successful and struggling companies are widening as performance-related pay becomes a larger part of the remuneration mix. Over the past year, chief executives enjoyed average basic salary increases of 8.5 per cent, up from 6.2 per cent in the previous period.

A surprising number of executives continue to enjoy three-year rolling contracts, despite growing dissent among City institutions, led by Alastair Ross Goobey of PostTel. Of 954 directors questioned by Bacon & Woodrow, 39 per cent were on contracts running three years or more.

So how does one go about assessing whether directors are worth the money? First, distinguish between basic salary, bonuses, options and other elements of the executive package. Next, consider whether the board has been successful or not. Have goals been achieved? What quality of decisions has emerged from the boardroom?

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Sadly, the "us and them" relationship between directors and shareholders seems to be as deeply entrenched as ever. The prevailing attitude is summed up by the chairman of a remuneration committee who told Williams: "If you disclose more information about executive pay, then you will only get more silly questions at the AGM." Such an approach is neither helpful nor wise, Williams concludes.

High rewards must be seen to be justified. Directors must take on enough responsibility to justify what they earn, and then deliver the goods. They must also be seen to be performing. There must also be some significant risk — putting their own money into the company, for instance. Those who neglect these basic pointers, Williams says, do so at their peril.

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## Shareholders and boards too often display 'us and them' attitudes

Private-sector pay levels have traditionally been higher than those in the public sector. Outside constraints no longer apply.

But he dismisses the often-voiced argument that companies need to match private-sector pay levels to attract management talent from outside. Instances of such headhunting, he says, have not been nearly as widespread as some have suggested.

Large carrot may be needed to persuade kingpins such as a finance director or chief executive to sign up with a privatised utility. It is less clear that all other executive directors should have their remuneration raised to comparable levels.

Ultimately, one is left with that all-important body: the remuneration committee. Whether it is an effective check on the boardroom, Williams says, comes down to the relationship between its chairman and the company's chief executive.

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# Destruction and error are success recipe

Firms must break themselves into smaller units and set managers free in order to thrive, says a business guru

BIG companies must smash old-fashioned management practices to survive in a fast-changing world. The company of the future should see itself as a collection of business units, each offering personal service to match your local corner shop.

Tom Peters, the American management consultant and author of *In Search of Excellence* — which spent a year heading America's bestseller list — envisages a culture in which companies thrive by constantly destroying themselves. These companies break down layers of management, and encourage those on the front line to go out on a limb.

Speaking to Sir David Frost in *Beyond Hierarchy*, one of a series of management videos co-sponsored by The Times, Peters voices the thinking behind *Liberal Management*, a book aimed at managers in the 1990s. Companies will be able to thrive only by opening themselves to perpetual destruction, ready "to abandon everything that they've learnt", he says.

Companies can ill afford inaction. In 1981, Peters says, 2,600 new grocery and pharmaceutical products went on American shelves. A decade on, it was 16,100 a year. "Standing still is going back at nearly the speed of light today," he says. "You can't have one of these very steep hierarchies that simply impedes decision-making."

Big companies, he says, should split into groupings of perhaps 50 to 60 people each. The 15, 16, or 17 layers of management in some old-fashioned companies need to be stripped out, facilitating speedier service and better rapport with customers. Peters favours "internal perestroika", in which internal company units would face the same commercial pressure as rivals and risk going out of business.

Front-line managers should be encouraged to make mistakes — and outrageous ones, too. Only by encouraging such a culture will companies have a chance to move forward.

In *Corporate Culture*, a second video in the series and introduced by the late Brian Redhead, Peters develops the theme, comparing a high-tech company such as Microsoft with an industrial giant such as General Motors, with assets of \$125 billion. Microsoft has assets of \$2 billion, yet in 1992, its stock market value outstripped that of GM. Microsoft, with "human imagination" for assets rather than factories and plant, is seen as a radical departure from typical multinationals — "dull, sluggish and boring organisations".

When products can become obsolete in weeks, there is no place for companies "encrusted with bureaucrats". Perhaps 38 in 40 middle managers are surplus.

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## Standing still is going back at nearly the speed of light today

Big companies, he says, should split into groupings of perhaps 50 to 60 people each. The 15, 16, or 17 layers of management in some old-fashioned companies need to be stripped out, facilitating speedier service and better rapport with customers. Peters favours "internal perestroika", in which internal company units would face the same commercial pressure as rivals and risk going out of business.

Front-line managers should be encouraged to make mistakes — and outrageous ones, too. Only by encouraging such a culture will companies have a chance to move forward.

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## Protecting pension fund benefits after a winding-up

From Mr C. C. Patel

Sir, Pennington (October 14) highlighted the plight of the Swan Hunter pension fund, and stated that the inability to meet the members' full entitlements was due to the funding of the scheme having ignored the possibility of a winding-up arising. Although I have no

means of knowing whether this was the main cause of the problem in this case, it is an all too common failing of many of the traditional methods of actuarial funding.

There has been a continuing debate for more than 20 years in the actuarial profession about this problem. During

this period, more and more actuaries have changed to funding methods which consider explicitly not only the benefits whilst the scheme is on-going but also those that are intended to apply should the scheme wind up at any time in the future.

Although no actuary can give a cast-iron guarantee, by using these methods benefits should be reasonably protected regardless of the future financial performance of the sponsoring company. For schemes where this approach has been followed, the proposed minimum solvency requirement should have little impact. What the proposed standard should ensure is that all actuaries do pay more attention to the possible dangers which may arise if a scheme winds up.

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## Gift rapped

From Mr Dai Davies

Sir, Mr Gunner wonders in his *Weekend Money Letters*, October 8, "how the Bank can possibly afford such generosity" as providing staff and pensioners with a free diary to mark the existence of 25 years of National Westminster Bank.

If Mr Gunner has been in a branch of that bank he will know how staff are under-resourced, in worn-out uniform, training agency workers late into the night. Providing a diary is easy when you're saving the salaries of 20,000 staff.

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## C&G's qualifying day

From Flight Lieutenant David Gale

Sir, I have received a letter from Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society as an investing member who is not going to benefit from Lloyds Bank's acquisition of my share of the society.

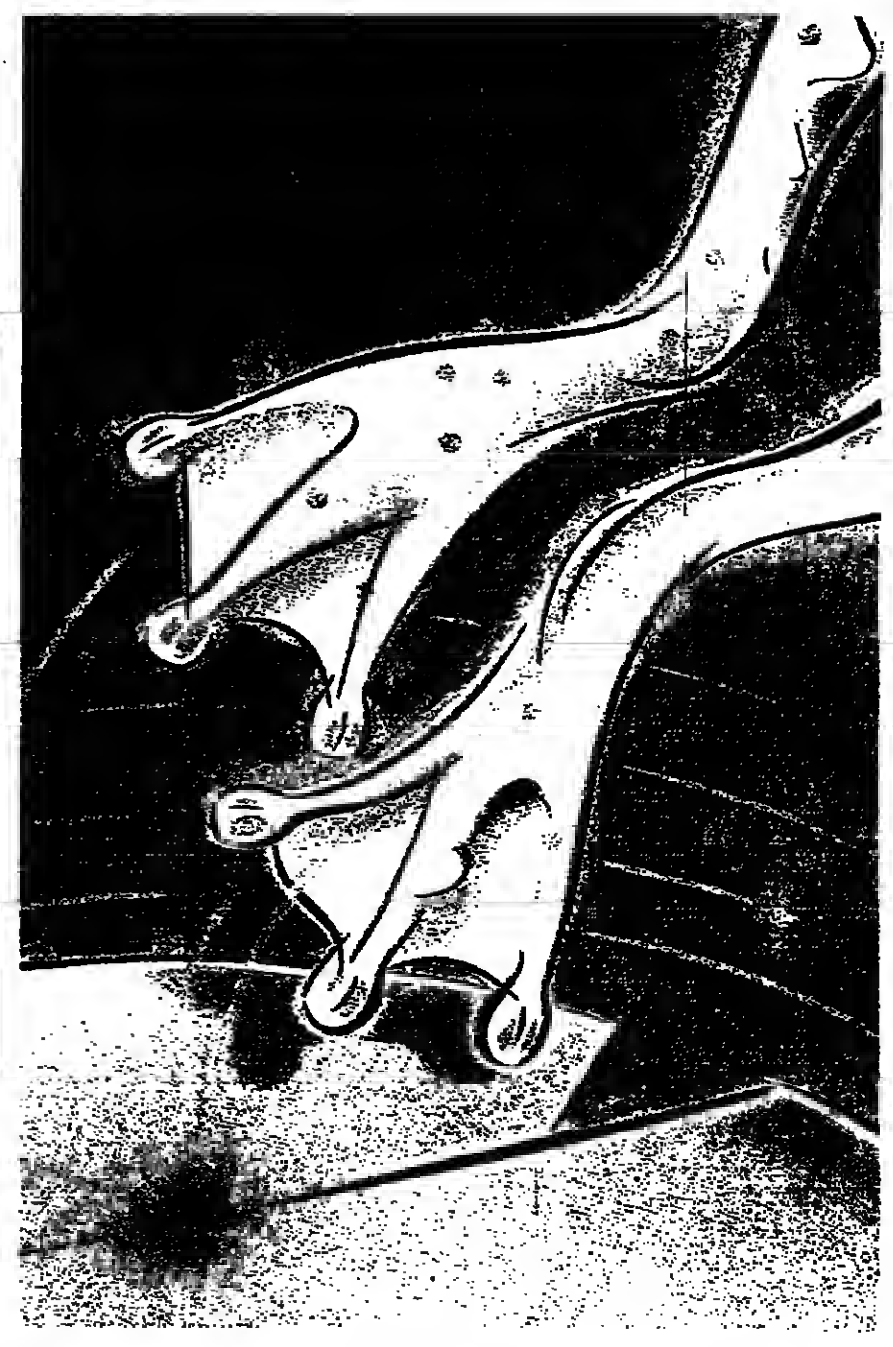
The letter states that I am "unfortunately among those whom the law rules out from receiving payment". The society is placing the blame on the High Court ruling entirely.

But the Building Societies Commission has written to my MP as follows: "The choice of the qualifying day for the

calculation of the two-year period is a matter for the society. It will be one of the terms of the transfer proposed by the board and subject to the approval of the members."

There is thus no legal barrier whatsoever to the C&G putting back the final qualifying date from the present December 31, 1994, to, say, June 1995, the completion day. This would bring a lot more people into the payment scheme, and save the C&G a great deal of opprobrium.

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# All change in the brave real world

The university has devolved its research to six specialised institutes, reports Paul McGill

Salford University has decided to move responsibility for research and the teaching of postgraduates from its faculties and departments to six new multi-disciplinary research institutes and a graduate school. Today, the university's Research and Graduate College will be formally opened by Professor William Stewart, the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser.

Explaining the move, Professor Chris Bryant, the director of the university's Institute for Social Research, says: "Anybody who thinks all academic staff will have an active research career is not living in the real world. The financial figures simply do not add up."

Professor Tom Husband, the Vice-Chancellor, says the change is necessary because "the boundaries between disciplines are becoming more and more blurred and future research is likely to be in those boundary areas."

Professor Tony Chester, the director of the Technology, Information, Management and Economics Institute, agrees: "Most problems are too complex for a valid solution to lie within a single discipline, yet they require the underpinning of the sound theoretical base that comes from within disciplines," he says. "An obvious example is the way information systems and operational research contribute to research projects in building and construction management."

At Salford, which has excellent links with industry, different specialists often work in teams. "Now," says Professor Husband, "instead of one professor and a few research assistants, we will have a dozen professors working together and sparking off one another." The Science Research Institute, for example, brings together related areas of work, leading to the fuller exploitation of expensive facilities and equipment.

The work of the new institutes will be of help to companies specialising in surface sciences, bringing together physics and electrical and mechanical engineering, and the combination of radar and geographical information systems for flood prediction.

A further aim of the sweeping changes is to improve Salford's ratings in future national research assessments. Some of the weaker areas have been combined with stronger ones in the hope of raising standards, or maximising synergy, as the university calls it.

Professor Husband says: "In 1996 we hope for a significant improvement in our rankings over 1992, and to achieve a significant number of grade 4s (national excellence) and a few grade 5s (national and international excellence). There might not be a major shift before the year 2000, but the new structure will stand us in good stead."

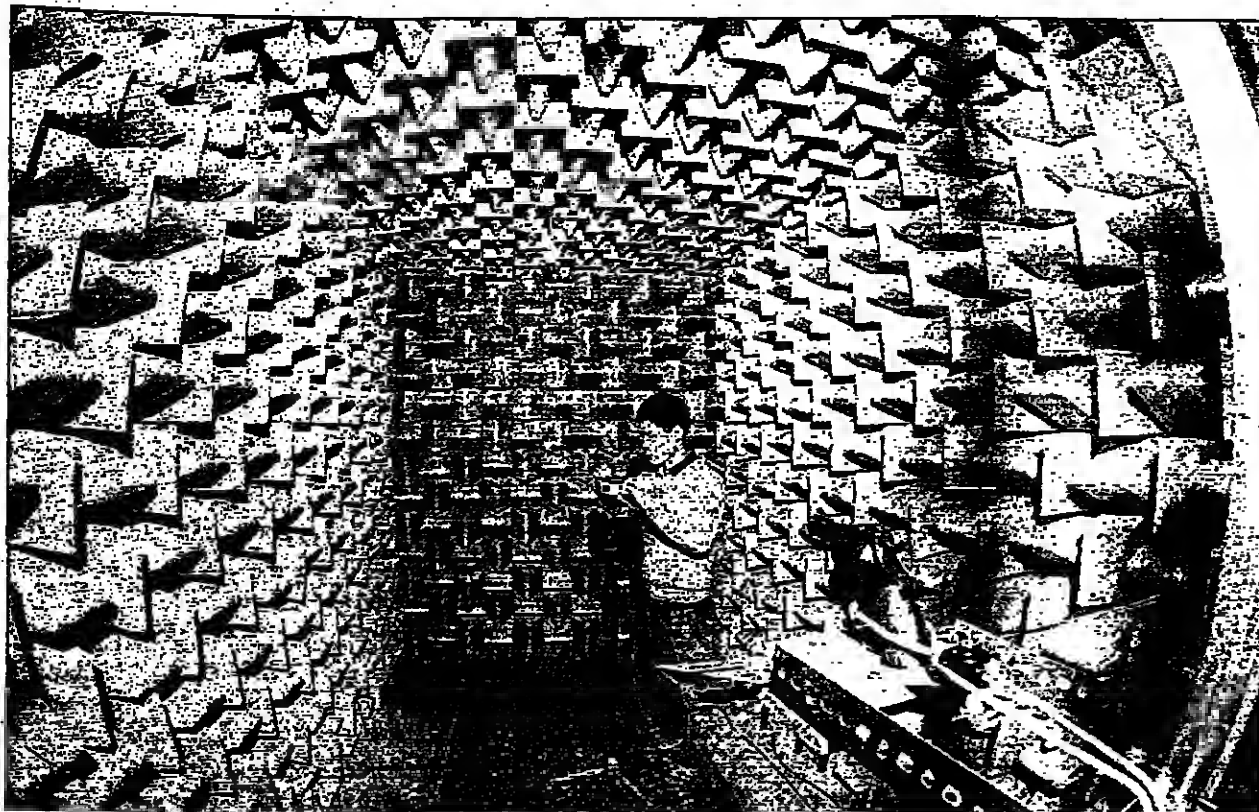
The Vice-Chancellor is pleased that the changes have caused surprisingly little friction. There is a transition period during which academics can try to push their research work up to grade 4, and have extra support in doing so.

But selectivity inevitably means that more money goes to those judged to be the best and the weaker ones will lose out. "People below grade 4 will find it difficult to find a place in the long term," says Professor Husband.

Faculties and departments have lost responsibilities but, on the positive side, they are free to tackle the problems posed by a decade of expansion in student numbers. "Their role," he says, "is to examine the increasing use of technology in teaching and learning, such as distance learning and multimedia innovations like cables to student residences."

The other part of the change is improved facilities for graduate students. "Too many British universities treat postgraduates as second-class citizens; we want them to know we value them and will support them," Professor Husband says.

Professor James Powell, the director of the graduate school, wants to tackle deficiencies in postgraduate training nationwide. He says: "A lot of my work will be about creating more courses for industry and making students more flexible and dynamic, people who can work together on a challenge and who can understand business and make technology workable."



A student measures noise from a pistol in a special acoustics laboratory in the Research and Graduate College

From virtual reality sewer design to soap powder pollution

## Robots trip the light fantastic

They may be slower and less exciting than two robots being developed in the Telford Institute at Salford University are light on their wheels. Already Fred and Ginger, as they are nicknamed, can pick up and carry around objects, while avoiding obstacles, while avoiding obstacles, Paul McGill writes.

All the mini-robots have potentially valuable applications, so outside companies are keenly interested in the Salford research, which has a £220,000 grant from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.

Other work at the institute, funded by the Defence Ministry and the Health and Safety Executive, focuses on systems to minimise outsource caused by firing ranges and on devices to cancel out noise.

Intelligent machines also feature in the Design, Manufacturing and Marketing Institute, which has won several contracts, including one from British Aerospace to develop digital flight-control systems, from Ford to examine car steering and another to improve long-lasting knives.

Washing machines may be cleaner in future after work by Salford's Science Research Institute. Phosphates in soap powders cause pollution, so Unilever and ICI have asked the institute to investigate using other materials.

Research in the Technology, Information, Management and Economics Institute includes the built environment, which gained a top rating in 1992. Salford was a leader in creating systems that can tell how much a building project should cost, how long it will take and what the profit is likely to be. Already 800 systems have been sold and new ones are being developed and marketed by a company formed with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

A £1 million virtual-reality (VR) facility has been created with InSys, a campus-based company. Among other research, it has built a VR model of parts of Wrexham as part of their research on the renewal of the town's sewerage system. People can watch the VR video and suggest the safest places to dig holes.

Salford is the smallest of the six is the Institute for Social Research. It is doing topical research, such as how well internal markets are working in the health service, the evaluation of community care and the management style of Japanese companies in Britain.



The VR unit: unrivalled

The European Studies Research Institute is carrying out traditional research, including co-editing the letters of Charles Dickens, but much is new, such as a study of Eastern and Central European privatisation.

A seventh research institute may be created in prosthetics and orthotics. The university has just won a grant to set up a research-rehabilitation unit and is also standing by to carry out the first operation outside the United States to implant in a paraplegic patient a device to permit near-normal walking.

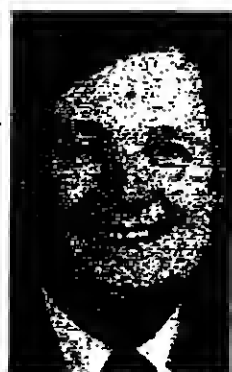
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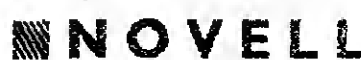


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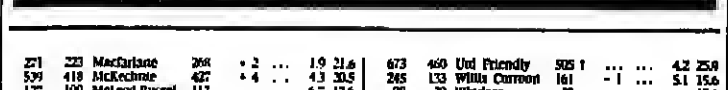
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A neglected 1958 musical reveals the lighter side of Dmitri Shostakovich

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Lucinda Childs, high priestess of minimalist choreography, brings her company to London



VISUAL ART: The biggest-ever show of Whistler at the Tate Gallery; plus selected contemporary shows

# Music of the twilight hour

The Tate Gallery's retrospective reveals James McNeill Whistler to be an artist increasingly immersed in melancholy, writes Richard Cork

When Ruskin accused Whistler of "flinging a pot of paint in the public's face", he voiced a hysterical intolerance that has regularly been hurled at modern art ever since. Whistler, no mean combatant himself, sued the critic for libel. His performance at the notorious trial of 1878, unattended by the increasingly deranged Ruskin, rested on a witty defence of the painter's right to aspire to the abstract condition of music. "Art," he claimed in the same year, "should be independent of all clap-trap — should stand alone and appeal to the artistic sense of eye or ear without confounding this with emotions entirely foreign to it, as devotion, pity, love, patriotism."

The article airing these inflammatory sentiments was called "The Red Rag", and they duly incensed bulldog opinion in Britain. Whistler was widely regarded as a charlatan, and the fact that he was American only added to his untrustworthiness. Although the judge awarded him a farthing's damages, he was not awarded costs. So the trial ended as a Pyrrhic victory, and he found himself declared bankrupt the following year.

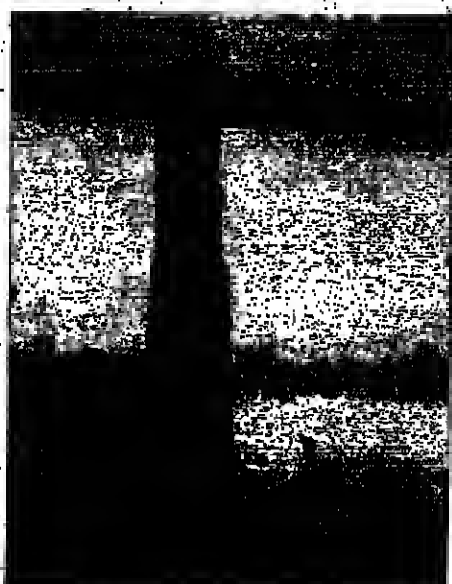
His plight has always provoked my sympathy. I warm to his doughty rebuttal of Ruskin's ridiculous scorn, and regard him as a spirited champion of modern art's search for greater expressive freedom. Whistler's work, however, never really lives up to the expectations aroused by his polemical vigour. The unapologetic rebel turns out to be a surprisingly tasteful painter. Increasingly in love with fading light and intimations of melancholy, his work often seems to suffer from the visual equivalent of anaemia.

Until now, though, any attempt to assess his achievement in the round has been hampered by lack of evidence. No major Whistler exhibition has appeared in London for decades, and many of his finest works are confined to American collections, legally prevented from lending. All honour, then, to the Tate Gallery for staging such an ambitious retrospective.

Despite the obstacles, it turns out to be a substantial affair. Proper attention is paid to Whistler's graphic work, especially his prowess as an etcher. And every attempt has been made to assemble a comprehensive array of his best paintings, often hung on grey walls which match the austere backdrop in his most celebrated work — *Arrangement in*

*Grey and Black: Portrait of the Painter's Mother.*

The main fascination lies in the early rooms. The young Whistler is revealed as a divided artist. Part of him was attracted to the earthy realism of Courbet, whose work impressed him soon after arriving in Paris. The two men became friends, and Whistler's interest in down-and-out subjects led him to study the drifters' slumped in all-night bars. His etchings show no hesitation in exploring the "lower depths" of Parisian life. His paintings, however, already display a fastidious reluctance to sully the canvas with such grimy subjects.



Whistler's *Nocturne, Blue and Gold - Old Battersea Bridge*, circa 1872-75

The earliest painting on show, *At the Piano*, presents an irreproachably polite, middle-class and well-laudered scene. Viewed in strict profile, so that they fail to disrupt the overall emphasis on flatness, mother and daughter are absorbed by the music. In terms of Whistler's later fondness for calling his work "symphonies", "notes" and "harmonies", this concentration on the piano's allure is prophetic.

So is the stark reliance on pictorial essentials, and the contrast between the black and white dresses. Completed in 1859, the painting immediately allied Whistler with the French avant-garde. But rather than affirming his commitment to modern life, *At the Piano* is also bound up with memory and loss. It refers to the Whistler family's musical evenings in Russia, and his father's accomplishment as a player of piano and flute. Both woman and girl are dressed in mourning clothes, and their sombre expressions may reflect the artist's continuing sadness over his father's untimely death ten years before.

In *At the Piano*, the mood of yearning is severely controlled. But after the painting's success in London prompted Whistler to settle there, he

allowed narrative suggestions to invade his work. Despite its defiantly musical title, *Symphony in White, No 2: The Little White Girl* is freighted with suggestions of a story. Joanna Hifferman, his model and mistress in the early 1860s, leans against a mantelpiece and gazes wistfully towards a mirror. She seems in thrall to sadness and its unexplained origin; only encourages the viewer to speculate about her possible plight.

Whistler, however, never succumbed to the Victorian infatuation with narrative. The oriental fan in Joanna's limp hand testifies to his respect for the simplification and restraint of Japanese art. Its formal rigour helped him to resist the temptations of story-telling. But he gave way, for a while, to an over-artful fondness for fashionable ladies in oriental robes. Incongruously posed against a backdrop of the Thames, they look absurdly self-conscious. Whistler was well-advised to cast them aside, and concentrate instead on the river alone.

He found himself drawn, irresistibly, to nocturnes. The waning light encouraged him to pursue his interest in ruthless elimination. Incidentals drop away, and we are left with the treacherous essence. The room containing these distilled Thamescapes is the most absorbing in the show. *Nocturne: Grey and Silver*, the most simplified of all, is an astonishing achievement for the 1870s. Reduced to three bands of deep blue and black, it smoulders with the same intensity as Rothko at his most unfaithful.

Not all of Whistler's river paintings are so minimal. Although *Nocturne: Blue and Gold - Old Battersea Bridge* became one of his most controversial works, its inclusion of a hunched figure on the barge below hints at narrative. He looks mournful to the point of desperation. And his dejection highlights the melancholy underlying all these nocturnes.

As he grew older, Whistler seems to have grown increasingly preoccupied with the transience of life. The women drifting through *Cremorne Gardens No 2* are little more than wraiths, thinly brushed against the darkening backdrop. The same location provided him with the starting point for the picture denounced by Ruskin, *Nocturne in Black and Gold: The Falling Rocket*. But rather than showing the Cremorne fireworks display at its spectacular climax, Whistler chose the moment when the frenzy



In thrall to an unexplained sadness: Whistler's *Symphony in White, No 2: The Little White Girl*, painted in 1864

has all but dissipated. The gold flecks spattering the night sky show the rocket's dying moments. Another artist might have used fireworks to convey ecstasy; Whistler uses them to dwell on extinction.

The same mood informs his finest portraits. Arrayed in a mourning dress, Whistler's widowed mother sits in a severe profile position and rummages, stoically, on her own mortality. Carlyle, adopt-

ing a similar pose but less erect, seems oppressed by the onset of old age.

With the advent of the 1880s, the sense of a dying fall had a detrimental effect on Whistler's most ambitious paintings. They become drained of vitality. Mrs Cassatt is expressionless, a marionette about to be obliterated by the shadows. Working on a small scale, Whistler was still able to muster his former freshness.

But the aftermath of bankruptcy took its toll.

On the rare occasions when he gathered enough of his energy to produce large paintings, the results look enfeebled. Some are frankly unfinished, and their listlessness reveals the artist's gathering fatigue. Far from enjoying a brilliant late phase, the ageing Whistler felt defeated.

Unable to find solace in his art, and crushed by the death

of his wife, he stares out from a dim self-portrait like an anguished, haggard spectre. It is called *Brown and Gold*, for Whistler continued to insist on his art's freedom from illustration. Rather than leaving us with chords of musical colour, though, this faded image is burdened with the misery of a man haunted by loneliness and the inescapable grave.

Whistler, at the Tate Gallery (071-887 8000) until Jan 8

## AROUND THE GALLERIES

PATRICK Heron's name is synonymous with a pioneering attitude towards abstraction. This series of big paintings was made this year, specifically for the large main gallery at Camden Arts Centre. With all the freshness and ease of an intimate sketch, the paint has been drawn, sometimes straight from the tube, across enormous canvases. The effect implies continuity, as if the paintings are sections or segments of a light-filled whole. The canvas glows through sparingly used colour, which never dominates but delineates the white space of both paintings and gallery. Heron's dependence on the moment and his belief in "freshness" shows an inherent respect for the initial order in which ideas can fall on canvas.

Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 (071-435 2643) until Nov 13

Larry Clark's photographs are more sympathetic in reality than they are in reputation. They are of situations normally only photographed by the pornographer or photojournalist. The pictures have a partial, off-hand relationship to art, and come "fresh" out of reality. Clark appears to have taken these photographs through a strange compulsion which is separate from aesthetic or artistic need. Young people inject themselves and each other; people have real rather than simulated sex; adolescent and pubescent boys hang around in a flirtatious state of semi-knowingness. The context of downright domesticity makes it all seem dangerously close and vaguely familiar.

Korsten Schubert 41-42 Foley Street, London W1 (071-631 0031) until Nov 12

Maggie Ellenby has repeatedly used the same shop window for her work. It really doesn't pretend to be much more than something to walk past or see from the bus as it turns the corner. The current installation, which has thousands of individual marshmallows filling the window to spell out a thin and shaky "No", is part of a consistent plan of artistic activity. In a gallery this idea might seem to be only about extending the range of art made from confectionery, but here it works much better. Is this a general protest? Is it serious? And at what kind of level is such suddenly surprising street art supposed to operate?

108 Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-728 7368) to Nov 30

It seems as if a grown-up toy box has been emptied over the floor. Attractive brightly coloured baby's toy balls have fallen haphazardly while equally strongly coloured baby's bricks are stacked at the back. The effect is initially pleasurable, but the "toys" are obviously for adults, because the image of a soft, limp penis has been repeatedly worked into and across the knitted fabric. Is the simple juxtaposition of male imagery with a cosy domestic interior enough? Or is there something much more subtle going on? The point is perhaps deliberately simple, to match the bright, simple, sweet, clean material. Rebecca Scott used to make paintings but now sticks to knitting. Her work explores certain ideas of what constitutes craft and art, private and public.

Mario Flecha, Unit 1, 3 Leighton Place, London NW5 (071-284 3264) until Nov 1

Dorothy Bohm came to Britain to escape Nazi-threatened Lithuania, and has had a full and distinguished photographic career here ever since. Each of her colour photographs, taken over the past ten years, carries a sense of longing and desire. Places pictured are as strongly various as Amalfi, Normandy, Parc de la Villette in Paris, Japan and even Worthing. The range is enormous, while the gentle attitude to seeing and visiting remains consistent. It seems a pity that such work should be let down by too many pictures being placed too close to each other. Any tantalising juxtapositions — of contemporary fragment, for instance, with ancient setting — are lost in a sea of colour.

Photographers' Gallery, 5 Great Newport Street, London WC2 (071-831 1772) until Nov 19

SACHA CRADDOCK

## THEATRE: Sentimentality curdles the mix

## A saint to try the patience

I OFTEN find myself struggling to identify the relationships of the characters on the cast-list. Who is whose stepson, half-brother, long-lost uncle and third cousin twice removed? But I cannot remember a poser to compare with the one slyly set by the Quebecois dramatist, Marie Laberge, in what is, believe it or not, a two-character play.

At first Sheila Reid's fiftieth Aurelie appears to be the close friend, maybe even the adoptive mother, of Carol Starks's Cat who is in her twenties. Then we learn she is the sister of Cat's real mother, a sculptor in far-off Italy. But about two-thirds through the evening, the two women return from the funeral of an old man who was, it emerges, father to both of them. Cat is the fruit of an incestuous union. Aurelie is her half-sister, aunt, friend and substitute mum.

What is the point of a

Aurelie, My Sister  
Gate, Wil

revelation that makes Oedipus's genesis seem comparatively straightforward? Laberge is a warm, gentle writer, and certainly cannot be accused of sensationalism. Rather, she is celebrating a female bond that transcends the most forbidding oddities and obstacles. Her aim is also to show us a woman — Reid's tiny, genial Aurelie — capable of turning ill to good and becoming friend, aunt, sister and mother all at once.

But the danger is sentimentality, and it is one that affects the play from the start, when a beaming Aurelie sends a glowing Cat out on a rapturous date with what turns out to be a married man. And her emotional support is unvarying throughout the ups and



Carol Starks (left) and Sheila Reid as the blood-tied twosome in *Aurelie, My Sister*

downs of the doomed affair that ensues. Were Cat to make one of her regular visits to Anthony Macilwaine's pretty green-and-white conservatory and let drop that she had shot her lover, Aurelie would probably respond by solicitously hoping she had not bruised her trigger finger in the process.

The play hardens when Cat returns from a first visit to her biological mother, but only a little. Laberge's sensitivity and intelligence are not in doubt, but she cannot bring herself to say a harsh word about her women, and especially about Aurelie.

Virtue means little if it comes without evident strug-

gle and setbacks; but at least Reid has grit and energy enough to ensure it is not cloying. And at least Lawrence Boswell, who directs, has found a fine young actress, passionate but disciplined, to partner her.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

## CONCERT: Mahler takes minds off money

## Making drama in the midst of crisis

MALAISE? What malaise? At a time when London's orchestras could well be forgiven for playing as if they were caught in a long, clinical depression, the London Symphony Orchestra, facing a comfortably full Barbican Hall, put politics and penury behind them in a life-affirming performance of Mahler's Fifth Symphony, which brought down the curtain on the first half of their Mahler Festival.

Michael Tilson Thomas thinks big when he thinks Mahler. He is less interested in the raw skin and nervous ticks of the music; more in its respiratory system and its muscle. The first, Funeral March part of the symphony lived by broad, swinging changes of tempo and long, shifting breaths; and the scherzo's *Ländler* leapt high off the ground in swooping upbeats. The Adagietto — each entry, each phrase, most finely poised for its own descent —

LSO/Tilson Thomas  
Barbican

just failed to pluck at the viscera: the shudder went unmarked, so the relief of the otherwise exuberant Rondo-Finale was initially palpable.

In this, his last season with the LSO, Tilson Thomas chose also to look back at the subject of one of his earlier festive series. Steve Reich was celebrated in 1989, and his 1986 *Three Movements*, with its vibraphones, marimbas, and antiphonal string orchestras, suggesting "the changing light as clouds move slowly across the sky", was given a rhythmically vigorous, joyful performance. The concert, which began with Wolf's *Italian Serenade*, will be repeated on Thursday, and Mahler starts up again in March.

HILARY FINCH







# Pristine steps for the patient

Tonight, for the first time, London audiences will experience the icy warmth of Lucinda Childs's choreography, says Allen Robertson

Some people call her an ice goddess: cool, serene and always in control. New York choreographer Lucinda Childs is a leading exponent of minimalism; that sleek, analytical strand of art that arose as a conceptual counterbalance to the pop art explosion engineered by Andy Warhol.

Tonight the Childs company will make its long-overdue London debut at the same time as it celebrates its 21st anniversary. One of America's most respected artists, Childs is a darling of the French. In Paris her performances have been guaranteed sell-outs since the mid-1970s, when, according to Marcel Michel, the critic for *Liberation*, "the French public adopted Lucinda".

But before her company's performances at this summer's Edinburgh Festival, she was virtually an unknown entity in this country. In 1978 she appeared as an actress in a two-character play at the Royal Court. More recently she and composer Gavin Bryars created *Four Elements* for Rambert Dance Company (1991). Next March we will be able to see her latest foray into opera, when Covent Garden imports Luc Bondy's production of *Salome*. Childs choreographed the climactic "Dance of the Seven Veils" for soprano Catherine Malfitano.

London may have had to wait a long time, but we will be getting something special. Her Dance Umbrella performances at the Queen Elizabeth Hall will feature a rare revival of *Available Light*. Conceived for the opening of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles in 1983, it teamed Childs with composer John Adams, for his first-ever score for dance. The set designs were by architect Frank Gehry (best-known for his new, monumentally grand American Centre in Bercy, on the east side of Paris).

*Available Light* had its premiere in an unfinished industrial space that had been a parking garage. Because there were none of the usual proscenium stage limitations to restrict their ideas, Gehry and Childs opted for a free-standing split-level performance space that seemed to hover in the vast emptiness of the garage.

Gehry devised a pair of connected wooden structures that situated one of the performance spaces above and behind the other. Childs choreographed a bilateral dance

that mirrored, refracted, splintered and reunited one set of movements with another. It was a bit like simultaneously watching a single dance from two different angles.

This playing with the way we see things is one of Childs's ongoing obsessions. In fact, her most famous work, *Dance*, takes this notion to unparalleled heights. A 1979 collaboration with composer Philip Glass and visual artist Sol LeWitt, *Dance* incorporates filmed images of the choreography synchronised with the live dancers.

The film is projected on a stage-wide scrim that hangs between the audience and the performers.

**6 We don't claim to have any control over the audience's reactions ?**

Sometimes the images are gigantic close-ups. Sometimes the film floats high above the heads of the real dancers, at other times it is so fascinatingly exact in scale that it doubles the live dancers.

As with all of Childs's choreography, the movement has a pristine and precise yet fluent simplicity. Her deliberately restricted vocabulary is composed of skips, rhythmic walks, cantering runs and little leaps that are deployed in diagrammatic stage-wide patterns repeated over and over. Gradually, as the movement builds up, it starts to reveal a myriad of permutations.

Childs's own on-stage persona perfectly embodies the streamlined elegance of her choreography. With her aloof, even intimidating composure, Childs, now 54, has an imperious poise worthy of a grand duchess. The unexpected warmth of her laugh comes as a shock, like a crack in a glacier.

"The movement in and of itself is not the focus, not what's important," she says with the tolerant patience of someone answering a particularly dense four-year-old.

But, given that her dances are pared down to nothing but movement and music, then surely the steps must be important? "How we

do them is more important than what they are," she says.

That "how" is uncompromising, unemotional, even formal. There are no smiles, no big dramas. Men and women are treated as equals and each is a core in her overall pattern. As a result the partnering that takes place is one of geometric relationships, rather than of physical contact.

This is not the easiest and certainly far from the steamiest of dance styles. Childs is unlikely to appeal to the sorts of audiences that flock to the Bolshoi, and her distinctly rigorous approach to art can leave even knowledgeable members of the audience wondering if that is all there is.

In fact, Childs is such a committed minimalist that before her first collaboration with Glass (she choreographed and then toured the world in his and Robert Wilson's 1976 opera *Einstein on the Beach*), she had elected to stage all her dances in silence.

Arlene Croce of *The New Yorker* has described Childs's work as a "Morse code of footpaths laid out with Euclidean austerity". Although the comment was meant to be pejorative, it is also an accurate description of Childs's starting point. Repetition is a key element of Childs's choreography. Her work is definitely not designed for the impatient. Her dances are like a Rubik's Cube: you have to slip the patterns into alignment, and a lot of people don't want to bother looking at art that way. Many prefer to be shown what to feel, but no piece of her choreography will ever set out to wring our heartstrings.

"We — that is me, myself and I — don't claim to have any control over the audience's reactions," she says. "And, yes, we are deliberately leaving the story untold. I think dance, in and of itself, can be a profound experience, particularly if you let yourself respond to events."

The point is not the apparent narrowness of the seam she is mining, but the riches she has found buried within its depths. Some will never be convinced. Still, those who claim Childs is an enigma without clothes are those who cannot appreciate the beauty of bones bleached bare, of art honed to essentials.

Lucinda Childs Dance Company, Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre (071-928 8800), from tonight to Thursday as part of Dance Umbrella



"The movement in and of itself is not the focus, not what's important," says Lucinda Childs of her approach to choreography. "How we do the movements is more important than what they are"

## JAZZ

### Free, but close to priceless

LIKE a number of her British contemporaries — Tina Turner for whom she was filling in at this free lunchtime gig, Ian Shaw and Christine Tobin spring immediately to mind — the singer Claire Martin, having grown up in the 1970s, is as familiar with that decade's popular song writers as she is with the work of the conventional jazz standards writers.

Consequently, both her live performances and her recordings generally feature an appealing and lively mix of the more recherché songs of Rodgers and Hart, Irving Berlin or Noël Coward with the odd Joni Mitchell song thrown in.

On this occasion, however, Martin was firmly in standards mode, beginning her first set with two Cole Porter songs, "Get Out Of Town" and the evergreen "Love For Sale". The former, generally delivered Ella Fitzgerald-fashion as a slow, mournful plaint, was subtly altered by Martin's wistful but confident mid-tempo delivery into a rather more assertive statement, so that the song's title line became a true imperative rather than an ambivalent request.

"Love For Sale", on the

Claire Martin  
Festival Hall Foyer

other hand, firmly resisted Martin's game attempt to personalise it, remaining sour and deeply problematic as always, despite an attractive arrangement employing just a dash of Latin lightness.

This slightly false note aside, though, Martin — tastefully backed by pianist Dave Newton, bassist Arnie Somogyi and drummer Mark Taylor — spent the rest of the performance proving just how superb an interpreter of lyrics she has become in her ten-year career. Two songs in particular stood out: "I Was Telling Him About You" and Leiber and Stoller's "Some Cats". The former is a plaintive torch song purporting to explain away to a lover an apparently intimate dance with another man by means of the title's assertion, and Martin imbued it with all the melancholy yearning its lyrics demand. But — and this is the mark of a top-class singer — she also managed to convey the essential ambiguity of the situation. The latter is a highly explicit paean of praise to a certain sort of virility, but Martin somehow managed to deliver it without a hint either of coyness or salaciousness.

Such subtlety and sensitivity are rare indeed these days, but, along with these qualities, Martin also possesses great technical gifts: perfect control (beautifully demonstrated on Bob Dorough's tricky "Don't May Care"), great rhythmic awareness, enabling her to inject just the right amount of power into a slow burning song like "I Thought About You", and a superb dramatic sense. Many singers would have coasted through a routine gig like this; Martin's professionalism enabled her to perform as if playing Carnegie Hall.

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ROCK: Dolores O'Riordan's star outshines the rest of the Cranberries

## Woman of the momentous

DRESSED in a white tutu, white tights and silver, knee-length platform boots, singer Dolores O'Riordan was carried on to the stage, ballerina-style, by the rest of the Cranberries. Her incongruous choice of costume and the flamboyant entrance produced lots of smiles, but as this surprisingly brief performance unfolded — barely an hour including encores — there was no mistaking the subservient role in which drummer Feargal Lawler and the Hogan brothers (guitarist Noel and bass player Mike) were cast.

Like her fellow Irishwoman, Sinéad O'Connor — whose much-praised album *Univer-*

Cranberries  
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sed Mother has been effortlessly outsold in just one week by the Cranberries' second album *No Need To Argue* — O'Riordan's personality is a mixture of the querulous and the imperious. Towards the end of the gig she expressed surprise at what she perceived to be the subdued response of the audience. No sooner had her remarks prompted a thunderstorm of applause than she demanded "complete and utter silence" while she negotiat-

ed a version of "No Need To Argue" accompanied only by her own acoustic guitar.

Such confidence in her pre-eminent place in the scheme of things was reflected in the intensely personal lyrics of songs such as "Drowning My Dreams" and "Ode To My Family", both of which proceeded with a delicate, wistful lilt and conjured a sentimental mood just the right side of cloying. "Linger", the group's breakthrough hit and one of several lightly sketched, indie-pop songs, was dispatched early on.

However, her vinegar-flavoured voice was better showcased on numbers with a more sinewy inflection. "Wanted",

"Ridiculous Thoughts" and "Waltzing Back" were all undertaken at a much fiercer clip than on the recorded versions, with O'Riordan's soaring and swooping vocal mannerisms sounding at times like a Celtic approximation of yodeling.

Best of all were the two songs with the most overt "messages": "The Irish Mother" is an affecting lament about the abduction of Jamie Bulger, and the current hit, "Zombie", deplores the terrorist deeds of the IRA and is probably the most unequivocal condemnation of that organisation ever made by any rock act, Irish or otherwise.

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## Lennon on loan

ORIGINAL handwritten lyrics to classic Beatles songs, including "In My Life" and "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds", were among John Lennon memorabilia on display in New York on Thursday, when his widow Yoko Ono announced her decision to present artefacts and costumes to the proposed new Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. The green military-style uniform worn by Lennon on the cover of *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, and the Rickenbacker 325 guitar that he used during the Beatles 1965 concert at the Shea Stadium, New York, were also among the collection handed over to the museum, which is designed by the architect I.M. Pei and due to open in Cleveland, Ohio next September.

The collection will go to the Hall Of Fame on a renewable loan. There had previously been speculation that a museum solely dedicated to the memory of Lennon, murdered outside his Manhattan apartment in 1980, might open in New York. At the presentation ceremony Ono described the idea as "not a practical consideration".

A number of Lennon's school report cards will also be going to Cleveland, along with lithographs and the "The Daily Howl", a journal he created during his school days. They will join a collection of more than 100,000 objects belonging to performers ranging from James Brown to Buddy Holly and Sting.

AFTER his reverential screen biography of Malcolm X, Spike Lee is turning his attention to another symbol of black America. This time it is the baseball star Jackie Robinson, the first black player to appear in the all-white Major League. Lee plans to release the film in 1997, to mark the 50th anniversary of Robinson's debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers.



Dolores O'Riordan, voice and focal point of the Cranberries

OPERA: Rodney Milnes revels in a *Eugene Onegin* that travels extremely well, and a *Euryanthe* that transcends criticism entirely

## A home winner triumphs away

Eugene Onegin  
Glyndebourne

THE undisputed success at Glyndebourne last summer, Graham Vick's production of *Eugene Onegin* has been carefully re-directed for the touring company by Caroline Sharmann: the loving detail and eloquent visual cross-references are faithfully reproduced. The lighting is marginally simplified for touring purposes, but the staging's emotional impact, which is considerable, remains undimmed.

There were some who secretly hoped that touring agencies would mean the dropping of the elaborate, would-be satirical dance sequence in the St Petersburg scene, which belongs to a quite different — and less good — production, but for what it is worth (not much), it is there intact.

The Glyndebourne Touring Opera orchestra produced a good, meaty romantic sound (outstanding first horn, rather over-insistent oboe) for the company's musical director, Ivor Bolton, who, after a

slightly tense, four-square first act, relaxed into a properly flowing, nostalgic account of a score that, however often you hear it — which is very often, nowadays — goes straight to the heart. The chorus was first-rate and, as with the best GTO offerings, the difference in musical standards between summer festival and autumn tour is pretty marginal.

The same may be said of the singing. The French tenor Christian Papis (Lensky) is certainly on the same level as his festival counterpart, with ideally clean, poised singing, and Geoffrey Moses's Gremien is well up to summer standard. Yvonne Burnett's bubbly, almost too vivacious Olga, Yvonne Howard's game Mme Larina, and Susan Gorton's gently earthy Nanny may not be able to compete vocally with their more seasoned predecessors, but all are plainly



Robert Hayward lets his body do the talking as Onegin

performing to just better than their best capability, which is what GTO's long and intensive period of preparation is all about.

John Fryatt is a slight comedown from the festival M. Triquet (also Fryatt), though; his wristwork has grown a little fancy over the months.

Susan Chilcott's body-language as Tatyana is just as affecting as the unforgettable Elena Prokhina's: the set of her shoulders, the way she hangs her head in misery, are infinitely touching. She has a radiant, secure poise to her voice that sails effortlessly over the orchestra in the Letter Scene; if

her lower register does not, as yet, project quite as consistently, hers is a very complete and true overall interpretation.

Robert Hayward is Onegin in the last act. In the earlier scenes, though, he sings a little too consistently loudly — you do not feel his voice has a conversational mode, and more light and shade would be welcome.

But he too has expressive body language: his traumatised walkdown after the duel, echoed in St Petersburg — the start and the end of a long journey — spoke volumes.

WEBER's "grand heroic-romantic" opera will never be quite the same again after Sunday's shattering concert performance by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Mark Elder, given within the framework of the South Bank's Deutsche Romantik project.

In the past even its most fervent admirers have felt compelled to make excuses for *Euryanthe* — but not any more. In a performance as incandescent as this, vastly exaggerated objections to the libretto — its cause not helped here by a significant error in the programme synopsis — pale into irrelevance.

The music itself never fails to astonish: you have to keep reminding yourself that it was written in 1823, a mere 30 years after the *Flute*, while much of it sounds like the Wagner of *Tristan and Parsifal*. Indeed, the amount Wagner learnt or, if you are feeling less charitable, stole from *Euryanthe* is prodigious, and, in matters of dramatic technique, orchestration and melodic invention Weber makes much of the pre-Rhetgold Wagner sound like a fumbling amateur.

The evening's success stemmed mainly from the OAE's playing: period instru-

## Wagner before Wagner

Euryanthe  
QEH

ments make a crucial difference simply in the matter of colour. The pungency and delicacy of Weber's characteristic writing for wind-band emerged with layers of homogenous varnish stripped away. The purring flutes in the opening chorus, the doleful bassoon in Euryanthe's prayer, the rasping brass when the heroine is falsely accused, the sense of release from the horns triumphantly braying in the last act — all made you listen with new ears.

The sweet string sound made the ghost music — *tremolando* violas clearly audible — ever more poignant, and the absence of chin-rests encouraged, if not necessitated, the sweetest of portamentos in the big tune of the overture.

The performance was as strongly cast as it needs to be. Elizabeth Connell was in marvellous form as the villainess, her silver-trumpet tone steady as a rock, even her concert demeanour exuding malevolence (she can make a dramatic statement out of turning the page of a score).

But the vocal sensation was the American soprano Christine Brewer in the title role. Her tone is sumptuous, a pot of double cream set in a velvet muff, her technique faultless; and her use of *portamento* in the true sense, the joining-up of notes into phrases, is eloquent beyond words.

The American tenor Jon Garrison sang Adolar cleanly, honestly and musically — which is saying a lot, as it is a devil of a role. Stepping in at the last moment, Nicholas Folwell found not only the decibels and the energy but also a finely spun legato for the villain Lysiar. The New Company Chamber Choir, trained by Harry Bicket, sang with ringing tone in crystal-clear German.

No praise could be too great for Elder's fiercely dramatic conducting. At a single blow he and the OAE have rescued a masterpiece of romantic opera from wholly undeserved oblivion.



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# Thrown in a foreign jail

As Britons are detained abroad for months, even years, without trial, Stephen Jakobi offers a solution to a worsening problem

Western Europeans take their liberties for granted. They assume they will not be arrested for a crime they have not committed. If they are, they also assume that the coincidence, mistaken identity or other misfortune that causes honest police errors will be put right by a court hearing at the earliest opportunity.

If they are of good character, they expect to be given their liberty in the meantime, unless the charge is grave and there is reasonable supporting evidence. Of course, they know that in some countries the police arrest strangers with little or no evidence and toss them into jail for months, even years, before the case will be considered. These countries are, of course, comfortably far away: in Africa, Asia or the Middle East.

It may shock many to learn that this sequence of events is routine if one is in any other country except one's own.

They assume they will not be arrested for a crime they have not committed. If they are, they also assume that the coincidence, mistaken identity or other misfortune that causes honest police errors will be put right by a court hearing at the earliest opportunity.

Josephine Conn is a 64-year-old grandmother from Brighton, of blameless reputation, with a serious epileptic problem. She has been in a French jail for 19 months awaiting a trial date. Mrs Conn was a passenger in a car carrying concealed drugs. The vehicle driver confessed that he knew what was going on and that the Englishwoman was being used as a cover. Everyone else arrested in France in connection with this operation, including other drivers and passengers, is now either on bail or outside France.

Colin Salt and Trevor Bailey, of Stoke-on-Trent, were arrested while holidaying in Spain in April after trying to change a small amount of forged currency. Both were in good jobs but after their four months of jail, their employers, unable to hold the jobs open, hired people in their place.

Another victim of the counterfeit-money 'trick' is Paul Morris, a young mechanic from Scotland who was arrested in France while on



John Harrower, the English lorry-driver being held in France on drugs charges

holiday in January 1992. He was held in prison without trial, together with a friend, until May 1993. Meanwhile, he had lost his home, job and female partner.

These are just examples — all of whom protest their innocence — but new permutations of justice systems, offence and nationality of offender are presented almost on a daily basis. Without up-to-date statistics, the extent of the problem can only be estimated.

We know that there are about 25,000 persons held in European Union jails on remand at any one time who are foreigners to the jurisdiction that is holding them. Most of these must be Union citizens so perhaps as many as 10,000 of them would not be in

the case if they were natives. The magistrates of Europe are not monsters and they have a real dilemma when considering the local version of bail for the foreign accused. The interests of justice require that reasonable steps be taken to ensure the presence of the accused at trial. If the accused returns to his native country, there is no satisfactory way of bringing him to court if he refuses. Extradition is slow, costly and not universally available for comparatively minor crimes.

Europe must achieve a situation where national barriers do not exist within the Union for the purposes of fugitives after they have been arrested. European governments should agree for extradition formalities to be waived on production of a certificate that a citizen has been released on bail after arrest and has not returned to the foreign court after notification of a hearing. The local police would then make arrangements with the foreign police for arrest of the fugitive and dispatch to the country concerned.

This first stage of international agreement will cater for the cases of affluent individuals of fixed address, but discriminate against the poorer and more mobile until there has been a more general agreement for the harmonisation and enforcement of bail conditions. Even the most superficial examination of differing laws on conditional bail discloses vast difference in national systems. Though there appears no technical difficulty in some common conditions, such as reporting to local police or residing at a fixed address, others differ in practice from country to country.

## When the price is not right

Are solicitors charging too much and pricing themselves out of the market? This question is not often asked in a profession renowned for complaining about low pay. Some lawyers are underpaid. The disposable income of many legal-aid specialists makes all but the most dedicated look for more remunerative work. The average male solicitor's income of £32,427, and the woman's average of £23,887 are hardly excessive.

The problem lies in the overheads that have to be incurred in order to earn even a modest living. The increases have been inexorable.

In the early 1980s each solicitor's compulsory annual contribution to the compensation fund for the victims of solicitor fraud was £30. In 1991 it was £385 and this year it is £1,000. Despite having no claims, company bills for professional expenses and insurance have increased by 36.8 per cent in the past year. Larger firms have experienced similar increases. The cost of protecting the public against dishonesty and negligence has never been so high.

Similarly, demands from the Legal Aid Board and from the Law Society for higher standards of work from solicitors have increased overheads. The economics of mass production do not necessarily apply to professional work where an increased volume of work at a higher standard does not mean lower overheads. Conveyancing has become the lawyers' equivalent of the paper industry's manufacture of photocopying paper — a cheap staple product provided by everyone but at minimal profit. Confronted by limited legal fees and little room for increase in conveyancing fees, the solicitors' reaction has been to pay close attention to increasing fees on all other types of work.

Hand in hand with this has been a tendency in some quarters to record a lot of time spent on a file. This need not be fictitious — just unnecessary routine work. I recently inherited a matrimonial file where £900 had been charged by someone who professed to be a specialist family lawyer. Despite the size of the bill, at no time had the client received any advice. An impressive number of letters had been written, but no useful work had been finished.

In that case, at least, some work was done. This does not always happen. According to a Welsh solicitor's legal-aid claims, he worked a 25-hour day for 365 days of the year. An American lawyer managed to bill 59 hours in one day. An English solicitor charged eight hours for attending a client's daughter's wedding.

The hourly rates charged are high. City lawyers charge for commercial work at up to £400 per hour. The average rate outside London is £90 per hour. Even rural firms such as mine find that we have to charge £75 per hour for partners doing private client work if we still want to be in business at the end of the year.

There are signs that clients are becoming resistant to these fee levels. American-style legal auditors have come to Britain. Stuart Maue Mitchell & James has opened an office to service UK clients dissatisfied with bills from American lawyers. In a separate development, Allied Legal Auditors has set up in business at Clifford's Inn.

The Law Society Gazette has reported that legal auditing cuts an average of 30 per cent off American lawyers' bills and that reductions of 20 per cent are thought to be achievable in Britain.

Many private clients are hard-pressed to pay private legal fees in the first place, let alone fees for legal auditors. Where can they turn for help? The Citizens Advice Bureaux are excellent on debt and welfare benefits but are ill-equipped to advise on complex legal matters. Only the most intelligent and tenacious people can effectively conduct cases themselves as litigants in person.

There has, however, always been a fringe world of quasi-lawyers, such as claims assessors, who make claims on insurance companies for a percentage of the claim. In recent years they have been joined by people who will conduct industrial tribunal cases for a percentage of the eventual award. However, there is no guarantee of legal expertise, and firms such as Independent Legal Practitioners, which operate on a "no-win no-fee" basis, make it clear that they handle only cases which have a good chance of success.

In legal work, as with everything else, you get what you pay for. Other substantial professions have spawned sub-professions. Architects are undercut by architectural technicians. Chartered accountants complain about unqualified opposition, and doctors wince when their intractable patients say they get relief only from an osteopath.

It is a tribute to the solicitors' profession that until now it has been such a broad church that few openings have been given to rivals. This is unlikely to continue, and the appearance of the first claims assessor in the High Court is awaited with interest — especially if he tries to wear a wig.

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PATRICK STEVENS

## Old Spanish customs

AN Algeciras newspaper published this photograph of Philip Clarke's alleged haul when he was arrested in February, writes Stephen Jakobi. The Spanish police had added a pistol, a huge quantity of ammunition and a large knife to the cannabis and English currency. Clarke, 19, of Rhyl, North Wales, was charged only with a drugs offence — no charge was made concerning weapons. A Euro-bail system would have enabled him to avoid eight months in a foreign jail before acquittal this month.

## Squad, dismiss

LAWYERS can be fired with as little ceremony as bankers. So 37 of the 66 lawyers at Ernst & Young's New York legal department discovered when they got a weekend call to attend work on the Monday, a Bank Holiday.

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## Duty of hair care

SIGNS of fresh areas of litigation: hair damage and post-traumatic stress disorders are two sections included in the second edition (Blackstone Press) of guidelines on damages from the Judicial Studies Board. It suggests damages for hair damage cases might be in the range of £1,750 to £5,000.

## Face facts

ADVICE for women lawyers who think the scrubbed look is the way forward. Mary Spillane, a grooming guru with CMB Image Consultants, says that women who

## Fresh paint

MICHAEL Crystal QC's commercial set of chambers at 3/4 South Square, Gray's Inn, has joined forces with a London art gallery, Purdy Hicks, to promote the work of young artists.

Recent refurbishment of the

chambers has brought modern facilities such as air-conditioned conference rooms. "We were very interested in doing something to help young British artists," Mr Crystal says, "and we now have the wall space to provide a showcase for their work."

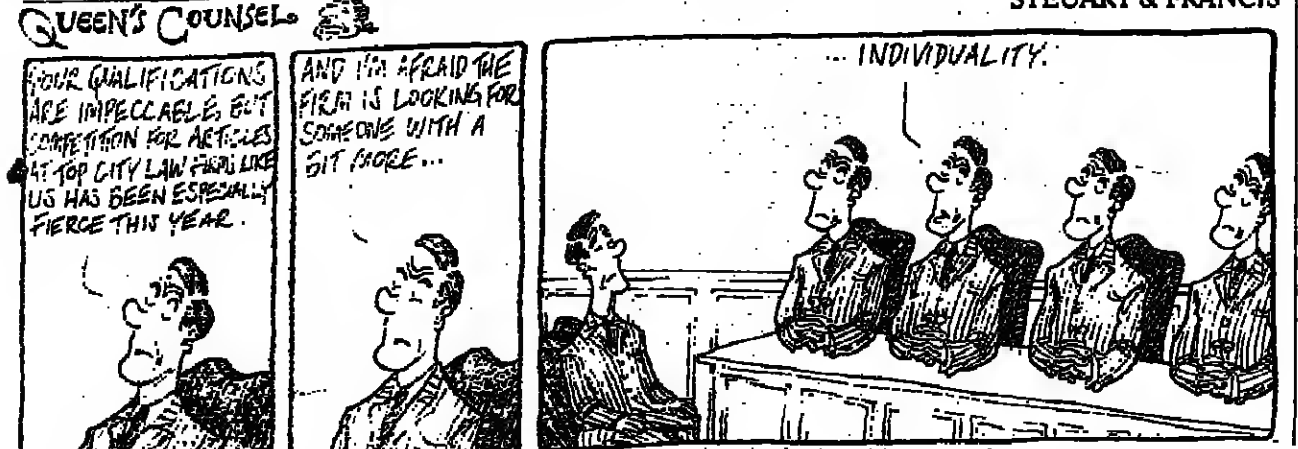
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# 'I'm going to lose it all'

Fiona Bawdon on the trauma of a solicitor who faced police questioning

When the Criminal Justice Bill — due for its third reading tomorrow — becomes law next year, a suspect's refusal to answer questions in the police station could be held against him in court. Silence may be equated with guilt. Critics of the change say it will penalise those who have an innocent explanation, but don't want to — or can't — give it straight away and that they will come under pressure to answer questions immediately which really need a considered response.

Roy Morgan is a solicitor who already knows how fierce that pressure can be. Last summer, he found himself at a police interview being questioned under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. If he did not agree to the interview, he would be arrested, the police told him. Only many months later was he officially told that no charges would be brought. He says: "I had more than ten years as a criminal-law solicitor and have given advice at police stations hundreds of times, yet I am amazed how nervous I felt during the interview."

The police accused him of assisting a suspect, who had kicked his way out of an interview room at Cardiff Magistrates' Court, while Mr Morgan was discussing with him the bail application being made on the man's behalf. Because the man subsequently caught was a client at the time he escaped, Mr Morgan was worried about potential breaches of client confidentiality in any statement he gave police. "I told them five or six times in my first interview that I would like to answer their questions but that it would involve my considering what I could and couldn't disclose. I felt I couldn't do that on the spot." This was not a position with which the police seemed sympathetic. "They accused me of not answering their questions," he says.

Mr Morgan was also unhappy that the police would not tell him initially why they suspected he had assisted the escape. "It was a situation that was crying out for a no-comment interview, but I didn't want to exercise my right to silence."

I was anxious this would end up in court and worried about the impact on a jury of a solicitor not being able to account for his actions."

Dr Gish Gudjonsson, a reader in forensic psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry, says difficulties such as these will be routine with the new police caution that accompanies the Bill. "It will cause many legal battles because you are dealing with not just having to make a decision about whether you should speak or not, but about the consequences of not speaking," he says.

Dr Gudjonsson is particularly concerned about the pressure this will put on vulnerable people. But Mr Morgan's experience and that of other legal advisers suggests that even those who should be able to look after themselves can find a police interview a frightening ordeal. A solicitor's clerk, arrested for attempting to pervert the course of justice during the course of his work, said afterwards: "It was the most traumatic experience of my life. I will never again trust a police officer."

In Mr Morgan's case, he says his "whole reasoning went". Although in his head he knew the police didn't have a case, in his heart it was a different story. "Everything flashes through your mind. I was convinced they had already made the decision to charge me if they could. I thought, I'm going to lose



Roy Morgan, a solicitor: "Answer or be arrested," said the police

everything — my practice, my reputation, my home."

Despite having a solicitor present, and despite later winning Law Society backing for his stance, Mr Morgan still felt under enormous pressure to give the police the information they wanted. "Once or twice, I nearly gave in and said: 'I'll tell you everything that happened.'"

Instead, he held out and offered to supply a written statement later, after taking further advice on what he was able to disclose without breaching his client confidentiality. Mr Morgan spent the weekend compiling his account, discussing it with lawyer friends, mulling up on professional ethics, referring to office files to remind himself of the events that had happened three months earlier. "But I still got a date wrong," he says.

If even after all that preparation,

it is still easy to get things wrong, what hope, Mr Morgan asks, for someone who has to give the police an instant, off-the-cuff explanation for his actions?

His experience has heightened concerns about the additional pressures the Criminal Justice Bill will put on clients. Greater safeguards are needed, he says. "If the Act is going to give more impact to what's said or not said at an early stage, the prosecution should also be forced to speak and disclose their evidence at an early stage."

Roger Ede, the secretary of the Law Society's criminal law committee, agrees. "How can a suspect raise a defence in the police station if the police haven't told him of what he has been accused? If there is to be more disclosure by the defence, there should be equal disclosure by the prosecution."

## An emphasis on people is raising professional standards

Until recently, a law firm would never have provided a candidate for the top human-resources job in the City. But partners at Cameron Markby Hewitt are said to be "chuffed" at the news that Roy Lecky-Thompson, their personnel director, will take up a similar post at the Bank of England next month.

Almost singlehanded, Mr Lecky-Thompson has changed the agenda for City practices in the development of their only real resource: people. CMH was the first City firm to win a national training award followed, this year, by being the first City firm to achieve the Investor in People standard.

Because this is Investors in People week, Mr Lecky-Thompson is going to be on the road along with other IIP "crusaders", such as Lord Sheppard, of Grand Met, and Sir Anthony Cleaver, of AEA Technology, persuading other law firms to get on the Investors trail.

As the recent Law Society conference showed, interest in the IIP standard is growing. An impressive presentation by John Miles, Lightfoot in Oxfordshire showed how, in the past five years, the firm had been able to treble its turnover — with no increase in partners — as a result of applying the IIP technique. What is more, the disciplines adopted by the firm also meant that it was almost three-quarters of the way towards satisfying the demands of its legal-aid franchise.

"The IIP process guarantees that people are trained properly for the job and that the work is done at the right level in the firm," Mr Miles says. "It should mean that the client is not being charged partners' time for work which could be done by an assistant or, come to that, a legal executive."

Now that the IIP bandwagon is rolling, perhaps its biggest coup was achieved in Birmingham



Members of five rival Birmingham firms in tune with Sir Simon Rattle, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra music director

## Another brake on crooks

where, last week, the local training and enterprise council (TEC), which runs the IIP programme, announced that it had created a consortium of the city's five top firms, which would strive to reach the IIP standard together.

Edge and Ellison, Eversheds, Wragge and Co, Martineau Johnson and Shakespeares have been persuaded to pool their resources and to co-operate in achieving the standard.

David Draycott, the TEC's IIP

consultant, says: "Although these firms are in competition with each other, it is in their interests to establish Birmingham as the leading legal centre outside London." Wragge is also a member of the Norton Rose M5 group, and Alistair Roberts, the director of training and recruitment for the group, has indicated his strong support for the initiative. He says: "I'll be keeping a very close eye on how it develops to see what lessons can be transferred to the group as a whole."

Advocates of the standard say that its significance now extends beyond being an endorsement of training, but should be positively sought by clients when they are selecting their legal advisers.

"IIP provides an external audit of the steps which firms are taking to ensure their people are competent," Mr Miles says.

The award scheme, in its second year, is operated by Titmuss Sainer Dechert and the National Westminster Bank. More than 50 universities were each invited to nominate two students.

### Peace prize

THE Norwegian mediators, Terje Larsen and Mona Juul, whose actions made possible the negotiations which led to the historic Israeli-PLO agreement, were last week given the first award for outstanding contributions to mediation. The award was presented at a seminar organised by the Centre for Dispute Resolution, the business mediation service (CEDR), and hosted by the CBI.

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## LONDON

### COMPETITION

2-4 yrs  
High-profile City practice seeks talented lawyer for mix of UK and EC competition work. Challenging role assumed, which will include corporate/commercial matters.

### CORPORATE TAX

NQ-1 yr  
Several positions have arisen for bright corporate tax lawyers, up to one year ppe. High-quality experience and personal drive necessary to grasp exciting opportunity.

### COMMERCIAL PPTY

6 mths-4 yrs  
We have been instructed on a number of openings for talented property lawyers of up to four years' ppe. City experience not a pre-requisite; superb prospects.

### BANKING

1-3 yrs  
Non-contentious banking lawyers of the highest calibre are sought by several prestigious City firms. Exciting potential for lawyers with sound banking pedigree.

### CORP FINANCE

1-3 yrs  
Excellent opportunity for a City-trained/corporate lawyer to join a progressive, medium-sized firm. Close client contact will require a strong, capable personality.

Contact Struan Hall on 071-438 1711 or write to Graham Gill & Young, 44-46 Kingsway, London WC2B 6EN (Fax 071-431 4186)

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### W. COUNTRY

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### BERKS/OXON

CO/COMM  
Prominent regional practice is currently seeking a senior solicitor with 3-10 yrs exp. to play a leading role in the development of their co/comm dept. Excellent prospects.

### BERKS

PERSONAL INJURY  
Leading provincial firm is currently seeking two senior personal injury specialists with at least 2 years' ppe to handle noise-induced deafness claims. Good package/prospects.

### MANCHESTER

CORPORATE  
Two bright young lawyers with a mix of 1 yr's ppe are now sought for this high profile corporate department within one of the country's foremost practices.

### YORKS

CONSTRUCTION  
Two excellent opportunities for litigation Solicitors NQ-3yrs with good quality construction experience. Opportunity also to handle some general commercial disputes.

## IN-HOUSE

### Manufacturing Co.

to £55k+bonus  
Progressive international co. seeks a senior commercial lawyer with 5yrs + ppe and preferably, previous industry experience for key appointment in highly regarded team.

### High-Tech

3yrs +  
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### Blue Chip Pte

c.2-4yrs  
Prestigious international co seeks additional, top calibre commercial lawyer. Candidates should have impeccable backgrounds and broad based commercial experience.

### Investment Company

1-3yrs ppe  
Bright young lawyer with good financial services and in particular, IMRO experience sought to join legal team of prestigious investment co. Excellent prospects.

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Applications (12 copies), including a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees, should reach the Personnel Office (C/S47/1), University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ by Friday, 18th November 1994. Further particulars may be obtained by telephoning Colchester (0206) 874662 (24 hours).

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Idris Moorthy  
Chief Executive

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A dynamic and proactive commercial lawyer is now sought to work in tandem with the newly appointed Commercial Director. Ideally 2-3 years qualified, the successful candidate must be able to demonstrate an excellent working knowledge of copyright law as it applies to, for example, licensing and distribution agreements, and have the confidence to handle the myriad legal problems associated with worldwide marketing and exploitation. Some experience of the music industry, whilst not essential, would be an advantage.

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You will have:-

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- a strong understanding of the regulatory structure of the Financial Services Act and some direct experience of advising on non-contentious and contentious issues arising under the Act and related Rule Books.
- a particular interest in further developing your knowledge of the contentious aspects of the financial services/regulatory sector.

A robust, energetic personality is essential, together with good commercial awareness and an ability to integrate into a highly motivated and well managed team.

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## New Challenges

If you are seeking a new career challenge, speak to one of our consultants. Our service is comprehensive and tailored to each candidate's personal requirements.

### PRIVATE PRACTICE

**FOLLOWINGS NATIONWIDE £20,000**  
We are placing an increasing number of Solicitors with followings in all disciplines. Contact Simon Lipson for a confidential discussion.

**COMMERCIAL PROPERTY - Nationwide**  
We continue to have instructions for candidates with strictly 1-4PQE. City training highly desirable. Knowledge of agricultural property an advantage for two positions.

**BANKING - City & Provinces to £80,000**  
Solicitors with 1-4PQE joined in high quality banking work are sought by several leading practices in the City and across the country.

**CORPORATE/COMMERCIAL - City to £50,000**  
Top notch Solicitors with 1-4PQE are required by leading City practice to handle a range of corporate and commercial matters, including Yellow Book, M & A and joint ventures.

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High calibre candidate is sought to join a leading City firm to handle a mainly dry shipping litigation caseload. Those with a sea going background of particular interest.

### PRIVATE PRACTICE

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**CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL - Nationwide to £42,000**  
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**HONG KONG/DUBAI**  
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**PROJECT FINANCE - City to £50,000**  
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**DISCREETION to £35,000**  
Lawyer, ideally with forensic background, or from leading EC department is sought by leading City firm. An interest in IPIT or trademark is desirable.

### IN HOUSE

**OIL & GAS - Aberdeen**  
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**INTERNATIONAL BANK - £40,000**  
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Due to two child practitioners taking sick this April, our ever-increasing workload and our planned policy of expansion, there are vacancies for two established child juniors in the fields of medical negligence and personal injury, employment/trade union law, sex and race discrimination/legal aid and public law, to start in the autumn.

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Hills confident Juyush will be worthy opponent for highly-regarded juvenile

## Celtic Swing dominates Doncaster entries

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# Menace of Warne haunts England

This has not habitually been so. Indeed, as Graham Gooch

**By ROBERT KIRLEY**

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This time, their fanfare is already misguidedly loud, is for a fast bowling attack designed for destruction. England have an artillery more powerful than anything Australia can offer. This is not in question. What remains to be proved is its accuracy and reliability.

England the Ashes do so on the memory of one devastating day at the Oval rather than the evidence of a sketchy Test career. Constraints must also be applied to any overblown enthusiasm for Darren Gough and Martin McCague. Gough is an exciting talent but so new to the game that his first full tour will challenge more than his bowling technique; McCague is quick and aggressive but prone to injury.

Australia are, however, vulnerable in this area above all others. Craig McDermott is a better Test bowler than any of England's new recruits, but his support will be chosen from an identity parade of novices unless, by way of admitting defeat, there is a recall for Merv Hughes. The counter argument, of course, is who needs fast bowlers when you have Shane Warne?

The safest forecast for this series is that this great match-winner will bowl the most overs and take the most wickets.

For England to compete, their batting must improve dramatically, because Australia bat with more strength and depth than any other team in world cricket. The advent of Steven Rhodes, a clone of Ian Healy in abrasive character as well as in contribution, will be a help. But it is vital that Graeme Hick asserts himself at No 3 and that Graham Thorpe is given his chance. Theirs it could be that the elder statesmen, Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting, will bat at five and six, where their ability against spin will be most useful. By the end of the series, however, I hope John Crawley is established in the side, making as big an impression

as Michael Bevan is doing for Australia.

Atherton, who has won four of his first 13 Tests as captain, now finds himself in the novel position of being an old hand compared with his counterparts, Mark Taylor. The absence of Allan Border may produce a more gracious Australian side but not necessarily a more resourceful one and if Atherton himself can rise above the provocation he will undoubtedly face, this may not be a negligible advantage.

Australia, too, will come from behind to win the series, which is seldom an ideal preparation. England's structured warm-up, including four four-day games, may put them in better physical and mental shape for the opening day in Brisbane on November 25. Win there, and all things are possible.



**Atherton: realistic**

**By MEL WEBB**

Prebon Yamane had done well enough to record 43 Stableford points on the front nine on a bitterly cold day on which the sun did not break through the clouds until play was almost over. Their mood was confident enough at that point, but as they walked off the 12th green 45 minutes later they knew it would take a mighty collapse to prevent them from winning.

They put one foot on the plane that will take the national finalists to La Manga next month when they got nine points on the par-five 11th, believed to be a record score for a single hole in the two years of the Challenge.

thwaite two-putted for a net eagle and four.

Not content with that, Holdsworth put an eight-iron to 15 feet on the next and made the putt for net eagle two, and Thistledwaite and the other two members of the team, Bob Lough and John Stewart, all had pars, enough to give them seven points on the hole. Who cares about mere birdies when there are altogether more exotic ornithological specimens to be bagged? The lowest tally the team had on any hole was four, although they were honest and happy enough to admit that once or twice they relied on the good services of the good-luck fair.

simple. Stewart, a four-handed cap member of Fulwell, would get as many parrs as he could and leave the other three to use the shots they were given on the demanding International course to pick up the new parrs, birdies and eagles.

Stewart shot 74, only three over par, and scored 38 points, the highest individual tally in the team, including a six-foot-left-to-right putt for a net eagle, three and four points on the last that, in spite of the dramatics earlier, ultimately put the team into the national final.

"We were second in our regional final at Foxhills last year, and we enjoyed the

Challenge so much then that we had to come back for another try." Charles Emmett, the team's non-playing captain, said.

"We've thoroughly enjoyed our two years in the Challenge. It's firmly established as part of our annual company day and no matter what happens in La Manga, we'll be back for more next year."

This final produced by far the highest average score of the six that have been held to date. The two remaining — at Meantime tomorrow and Spa Golf Club, in Northern Ireland, on Thursday — will do well to better it.

**Between the Ears. Radio 3, 10.00pm.**

Only tangentially a beginner's guide to electronic music, Mark Ramsey's programme begins with most of us have already been subjected to the works of such masters of the craft as Stockhausen, Paul Lansky, Adrian Moore and Richard James (aka The Aphex Twin). First-time listeners should be able to identify the difference between works that electronically manipulate everyday sounds, and those that live in an electronic world of their own. In Moore's *Sieve*, I distinctly heard a cat's fragmented mew, while in James' *Flu* I plumbingly system I thought I kicked out. Nor am I sure about the Stockhausen *system*. Is it a grunting lion trapped inside a one-armed bandit?

**Hack on the Cut. Radio 4 FM. 10.00am.**

Dylan Winter's journey down Britain's canals is going to be a long haul. His horse called Molly has to pull a 25-ton barge stacked with soap, grain and candles. Winter is not one of those radical environmentalists who would want them to say. He says, "I'm not a saint, sharp barbs which are what they want to say. I'm purely an odyssey. Fortunately, the people and animals I meet compensate for this imbalance. There's the fisherman who says that cold and wet though the weather is, it beats being badgered by the wife at home. There is also the mynah bird which sings 'I Just Called to Say I Love You', then mimics a ringing telephone." Peter Duvall

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**RADIO 3**

**3.55am** *Weather 7.00 On Air*  
*Sells and Dubois*  
 (Symphony No 1); *Wavitt*  
 (Sonata for two violins in G);  
 7.32 *Quartet Collection*  
 Haydn (String Quartet No 14);  
 Op 2 No 1; *Fossini*  
 (Overture: La Scala di Brera);  
 Schubert (Die Forelle); *Frank*  
 (Sonata in G minor Op 10 No 3)

**8.00** *Composer of the Week:*  
 Arnold (Guitar Concerto, Op  
 67; Symphonies Nos 3 and 4,

**10.00** *Musical Encounters* with  
 Chris de Souza. *Thee*  
 Mellow (Play for voice and  
 cello); *Marlin* (Ballet Suite  
 No 1); *Bruce* (Symphony No 1 in  
 E flat, 10.55 *Artists of the*  
*Week* *Formus*, *Melodiosin*  
*Paul* (Quartet in G minor Op  
 17); *Ronald Finch* (Suite for  
 small orchestra)

**12.00** *Musical Festival*, *Luthense*  
*Festival of Baroque Music*  
*Franc* *proprano Agnès Mellon*  
*John Les Talens Lyrique*  
*Chorale* *Chorale* *musset* in  
 a programme of vocal music  
 from France and Italy

**1.00pm** *Uttler Orchestra*, under  
 Simon Joly, *Uttler* (Symphony  
 No 1); *Uttler* (Symphony No 1);  
 (Quatre Chansons); *Panukin*  
 (Suite for Piano and  
 Orchestra)

**2.00** *Schools*  
*Francis* *Francis* *Francis*  
 (Symphony No 1)

**3.00** *Francis Philharmonic*  
*Francis*, under *Francis*  
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 piano, *Francis* (Piano Concerto  
 in F minor, Op 114); *Schubert*  
 (Symphony No 7 in C)

**4.05** *Schubert*, *Alm Schmitt*,  
 piano, *Schubert* (Impromptu in  
 E flat, Sonata in D)

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 (Symphony No 7 in C)

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 (Symphony No 7 in C)

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 (Symphony No 7 in C)

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 piano, *Francis* (Piano Concerto  
 in F minor, Op 114); *Schubert*  
 (Symphony No 7 in C)

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 piano, *Francis* (Piano Concerto  
 in F minor, Op 114); *Schubert*  
 (Symphony No 7 in C)

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 piano, *Francis* (Piano Concerto  
 in F minor, Op 114); *Schubert*  
 (Symphony No 7 in C)

**3.00** *Francis Philharmonic*  
 piano, *Francis* (Piano Concerto  
 in F minor, Op 114); *Schubert*  
 (Symphony No 7 in C)

**3.15** *Francis Philharmonic*  
 piano, *Francis* (Piano

## RADIO 3

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9.00 News 9.55 Call Mick Ross: The Road to 444 10.00 News; Hack on the Call (PM only): See Choices 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 10.15 News 10.15 John Milton's epic poem (32/41)	6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 The Desert Song by John Le Cama, With Jimmy Fox as Magnus Pym (4/8) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.25 Film on 4
10.30 News's Hour, introduced by Jeremy Muir 10.30 All in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clare presents a feature on patients in the armed forces, looking at how service men and women are coping.	8.00 Science Now: Peter Evans presents the weekly review of developments and developments in science (I) 8.10 In Living Colour: Juliet Alexander presents the magazine which highlights issues relating to the lives of black and Asian people in Britain
12.00am News; You and Yours, with John Howard 12.25 Word of Mouth: Frank Devereux presents the programme about language, including Terry Wallis talking about talking to God and the influence of modern words in the language of London's financial markets 12.55	9.00 In Touch: Magazine for people with a visual handicap 9.55 Shipping Forecast 10.00 10.00 News 10.00 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Jane Lynch and a Heart Man in a Boat. Nigel Williams reads the first part of his tale of travel on the River Thames
1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping News 2.00 News; Thirty Minutes Theatre: Holding Court, by Michael Sheehy. When Sirius visits his father in hospital, he is surprised to find a strange lady sitting by his bed with Graham Crowden and John Whithfield	11.00 Mediterranean: The week's events in the media (I) 11.30 Sentimental Journeys (FM only): In the first programme of the series, Barry Norman, in the company of Arthur Smith, travels back to South Africa for the first time in forty years, to find out how things have changed (I) 1.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
2.30 Richard Baker Compares Motto: Richard Baker celebrates 70 years of the BBC Singers	12.00 12.25am News 12.27 Weather 12.25 Shipping 12.55 As World Service (LW only)

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## FA likely to limit Walker's penalty

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

DES Walker, the Sheffield Wednesday captain, is likely to escape further charges after he butted Simon Milton, the Ipswich Town midfielder, at the end of the FA Carling Premiership match at Portman Road on Sunday. He will receive a three-match suspension, in line with the Football Association's penalty for dismissals for violent conduct, and the matter will probably be closed.

Walker, 28, could have faced a charge of bringing the game into disrepute, but the timing of the incident, which happened a split-second after Mike Reed, the referee, had blown to signify Wednesday's 2-1 victory, appears to have saved him. Walker, annoyed by a late challenge from Milton, butted him on the back of the head.

Technically, the offence occurred after the match had been completed and the for-

sent off against Leeds United last month and incurred the wrath of Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager. "Gordon was disciplined and Des will be as well," Francis said. Milton was still bemused by the incident yesterday. "I don't think I did anything wrong and Des overreacted," he said. "I'm very embarrassed about it as I'll now be known as the man who provoked Des Walker into a head-butt. I'm not like that and neither is he."

If the FA is to consider further action against Walker, it would still have to form the harshest of opinions on the episode to surpass the record financial penalty meted out on an individual, Vinnie Jones, of Wimbledon, holds that dubious distinction when he was fined £20,000 in September 1992 for his narration on the video, *Soccer's Hard Men*.

Keith Burkinshaw, the West Bromwich Albion manager, also felt the chill wind of dismissal yesterday when he was told his services were no longer required at The Hawthorns. "I'm very disappointed but it's results that matter and we've not been getting what was needed," he said.

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mer England central defender could therefore have expected additional punishment from the FA. However, because the dividing line between the end of the game and the start of the altercation was almost negligible, Walker's rush of blood is likely to be deemed to have taken place during the match. "We will need to have studied the referee's report before deciding on what appropriate action to take," David Bloomfield, an FA spokesman, said.

Walker's record over 12 seasons — he had never previously been sent off, in 343 league appearances for Nottingham Forest, Sampdoria and Wednesday — will also stand him in good stead. His reaction to the tackle, though extreme, was out of character.

He does, however, face an internal club fine — probably two weeks' wages, the maximum allowed, Gordon Watson, Walker's team-mate, was

Tony Hale, the chairman of the bottom club in the Endleigh Insurance League first division, said: "The secret is to get a successful manager and Keith has not been a success. It's always difficult to dismiss someone, especially when you have a great deal of respect for them." Alan Buckley, the Grimsby Town manager, is believed to be Hale's No 1 choice to replace Burkinshaw, who had been in charge for 17 months.

Mike Walker, another manager in distress, is still hanging on to his job at Everton and received the news yesterday that Rachid Yekini wants to join Daniel Amokachi, his Nigeria team-mate, at Goodison Park. Yekini, who has been playing for Olympiakos in Greece, said: "I want a new challenge in Europe and my first choice would be England."



A nervous smile betrays Llewellyn Smith's anxiety as her distinguished chauffeur takes her for a turbocharged spin in a BMW at Brands Hatch yesterday

## Our Nige driven to distraction at high speed

Julia Llewellyn Smith samples life in the fast lane at the opening of the Nigel Mansell Racing School at Brands Hatch

We are approaching the bend at 100mph, my heart is fluttering like a hummingbird, my lungs feel like a punctured tyre and Nigel Mansell has his hand on my knee.

"Yee ha!" whoops the man some consider to be the world's greatest racing driver, as the car dives down the incline. "Would you mind keeping both hands on the steering-wheel?" I mutter, but my words are lost in a shrill of brakes.

It is not every day that one fulfils a childhood dream. Some of them, such as marrying Batman, I grew out of. Others, such as playing at Wimbledon, simply taunt me with each passing year. But yesterday I was at Brands Hatch, snarling around the circuit, with our Nige as my chauffeur.

As Mansell must reflect

every time he sees the chequered flag, it was a minor miracle he was there at all. At the European Grand Prix in Jerez the previous day, the people's favourite driver completed four laps before an attentive mechanic spotted a loose bolt in his front wing.

He came spinning off the track on the 48th lap and long before 25-year-old Michael Schumacher was dousing the crowds with champagne, his 41-year-old rival was on a plane to England to open the Nigel Mansell Racing School at Brands Hatch, where, for £40 an hour, you too can learn to drive like a maniac.

On the road to the circuit, a police car is lying in wait to trap aspiring world champions, fired by a glimpse of their hero. "Last time Mansell did a test drive here between five and ten thousand people turned up," confided a recep-

tionist. "They were all ringing their offices, pretending to be sick."

This time attendance was by invitation only and journalists had to produce everything but their bus passes to ensure an audience with the master. Time was limited. Nigel, chorused his publicists, was very busy.

Mansell, shell-suited and with eye bags like Austrian blinds, confirmed this. "I've driven five races in the past seven weeks," he droned. "I have been in Vancouver, then Elkhart Lake, had one weekend at home, then went to California, then we flew to Portugal and then to Jerez."

Who was it who said that it wasn't the taking part that mattered to Mansell, it was the winning? Whoever it might have been, the message that Mansell is the Eeyore of racing drivers has filtered through. The former world champion appears to have made time in his punishing schedule for several sessions on how to win friends and influence people.

"Hello!" he cried, mauling my shaking hand as I climbed into the passenger's seat. "How good of you to come!" "I'm a bit nervous," I confess, adjusting my helmet. "I don't know how to drive." "Is that so?" says Nige, revving the

engine and taking his eyes off the circuit to flash me a cheeky grin. "Well, nor do I!" Boom, boom.

And before I can say "Damon Hill, we are off the tyres howling in pain as the speedometer whirls up to 100. I am giggling manically, splayed back in my seat, convinced that if I brace my legs as rigidly as possible against the floor, this will somehow restore the car to a normal speed.

Nige says, "Isn't this fun?" as we zigzag around a corner, leaving my stomach about 30 yards behind. Gravity seems to have doubled, but the BMW is still springing about like a gazelle. And Mansell, who clearly has spent too long in the United States, starts heartily patting my knee. "Nippy today, isn't it?" he says. Nigel Mansell, OBE.

says. "Conversation of this level does not help to take my mind off the ordeal. But with Mansell in charge, it is difficult to feel truly petrified. I think I was more frightened when I watched *Psycho II* alone one night. However much he joshes and japes and spins the steering-wheel like a croupier, there is never a second when he is not in total control.

Nonetheless, when I clamber out of the car, my body feels as if it has been pumped full of helium. But in my short absence, the photographer has negotiated another whizz round the track, with him in the back. I strap my helmet back on, ignore the sound of my breakfast liquidising in my stomach and off we go again, spinning and dodging along the curves.

"Nippy today, isn't it?" says Nigel Mansell, OBE.

## Mansell looks likely to make move

By OLIVER HOLT

TWO races of the Formula One grand prix season remain and the fortunes of its main players are finally taking shape. Michael Schumacher controls the destiny of the world championship, Damon Hill faces an uphill struggle to beat him and Nigel Mansell's chances of securing a Williams drive next season are receding.

Mansell made an unconvincing return to the sport in the European Grand Prix at Jerez on Sunday, but after two years in IndyCar racing, it would have been unreasonable to expect great things. Ill-

fortune and two misjudgments combined to force him out of the race 19 laps before the end.

It had been assumed that Mansell would test the Williams-Renault before the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka in three weeks' time to continue his familiarisation with the car, but Williams confirmed yesterday that David Coulthard, Mansell's rival for a seat in 1995, would drive at a three-day test in Estoril, Portugal next week instead.

Mansell has commitments in the United States.

Mansell may now focus his thoughts on Ferrari, Bernie Ecclestone, the sport's mover

and shaker, is still keen to recruit the 1992 world champion to provide an extra touch of showmanship and take on the peerless Schumacher.

The key seems to lie in the man who Ron Dennis, the managing director of McLaren, chooses to partner Mika Hakkinen next year. Rumours linking him with Mercedes engines have grown stronger and stronger and it had been thought that Heinz-Harald Frentzen would be part of the deal.

But Frentzen is locked into a contract with the Sauber team and Dennis may pursue Jean Alesi, who slips in and out of favour at Ferrari, so leaving a

slot open for Mansell. As the manoeuvring around Mansell continues, Alain Prost, his successor as world champion, cautioned Hill and Schumacher against allowing their war of words to spill onto the track.

"We have had a bad year already and we must not have any more bad moments," Prost said.

"Ayrton Senna and I had a long rivalry and when he said certain things it was difficult for me. If I'd said nothing, it looked as if I agreed, but if I replied to it, it seemed there was a war. They must both just concentrate on the racing."

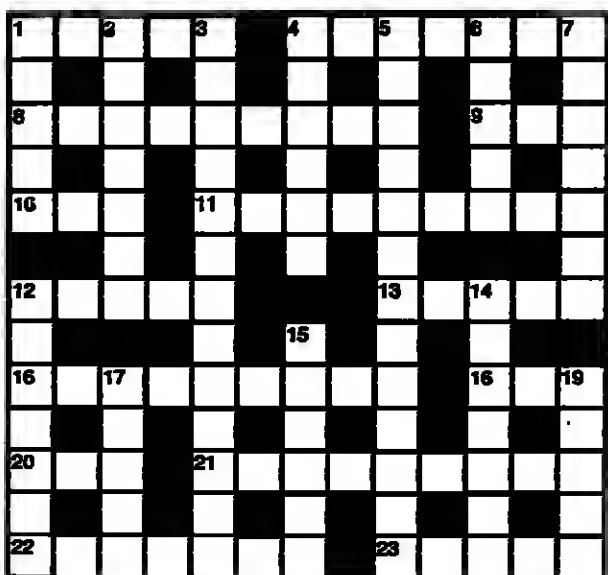
## Striking union men fall foul of authority

NEW Zealand's fair-play campaign in sport, "Don't Get Ugly", received a mugging from rugby union over the weekend (David Hands writes). John Banks, the Minister for Sport, described as a national disgrace the final of the provincial championship between North Harbour and Auckland, in which two players were sent off and a third charged for foul play.

Talk shows on radio and television have been bombarded with calls at a time when rugby union is fearful of the impact the Auckland Warriors, the newly created rugby

league team, will have. The union authorities could not have wished for a worse conclusion to the domestic season than a game (won by Auckland 22-16) after which three All Blacks — Eric Rush, Robin Brooke (the two dismissed) and Craig Dowd — will face disciplinary action.

"What the country witnessed was not rugby but frightening brutality," Banks said. England have added Mark Regan, the Bristol hooker, to their 34-man squad. He will join the party for the first time at the next training session, at Marlow on Monday.



### TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 295

- ACROSS
- 1 With no frills (5)
  - 4 Excellent store of wealth (7)
  - 8 Brightly-coloured gelatinous sweet (5,4)
  - 9 Important (3)
  - 10 Indicate approval (3)
  - 11 Into prominence (2,3,4)
  - 12 Puff up; undulation of the sea (5)
  - 13 Projecting roof edge (5)
  - 16 Easily frightened, sickened (9)
  - 18 Mat (3)
  - 20 Take a part (3)
  - 21 Adjunct (9)
  - 22 Commercial tree/plant-growing area (7)

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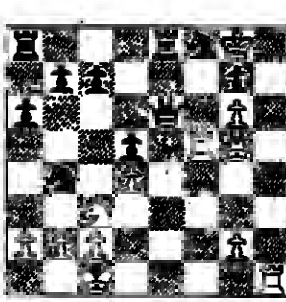
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This position is from the game Kosten - Sarz, Hastings 1978.

How did White utilise his pressure on the open f- and h-files to deliver a swift mate?

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By Philip Howard

IDEATUM

- a. An imaginary stomach
- a. Alpine flower
- Concerned with ideas

LIMBURGER

- a. A smelly cheese
- a. A breed of eventing horse
- a. A German-speaking Fleming

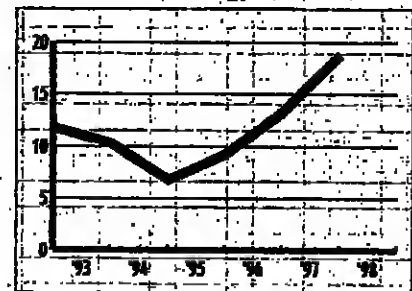
NANDI

- a. Unleavened cake
- a. A breed of gazelle
- a. A holy bull

HAMEL

- a. A wether
- a. An outside lavatory
- a. A knitting stitch

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